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Admissions Policy Baqai Medical University for Master / MPhil / MS / MD and PhD in all disciplines

Background:

The admission policy for the Master and Doctorate programs offered at Baqai Medical University is designed to identify and select highly qualified individuals with strong academic backgrounds, research experience, and a demonstrated commitment to advancing the field of biomedical sciences and health professional education. The policy takes into consideration the rules, regulations and guidelines of primarily the Higher Education Commission Pakistan which is the regulatory body for University academic programs and also the various councils and commissions dealing with various disciplines.

The following can be taken as a forestay:

1) Academic Requirements:

For Masters/ MPhil/MD/MS/MHPE/ MBA Programs

- a) Sixteen years of schooling **or** 4 year education (124 credit hours) after HSSC/F.A. /F.Sc/Grade 12 equivalent will be required for admission in the Master program.
- b) Bachelor's degree must be in a relevant discipline such as biomedical sciences, health sciences, or education.
- c) The degree should be from an accredited institution and should reflect a strong academic record
- d) Admission on the basis of Diploma will **not be considered** for a Masters program.

For PhD program

- a) BS/MS/M.phil or equivalent degree with a strong academic record.
- b) Minimum CGPA 3.0 (out of 4.0 in the Semester System) or First Division (in the Annual System) in M.Phil/M.S/Equivalent is required.
- c) Prior to entry into a PhD program, the student shall have been awarded his or her BS/MS/MPhil or equivalent degrees.
- d) In principle, a requirement for admission to a doctoral program is not that the applicant has completed previous studies on the same subject. If the applicant has a strong interest in pursuing a PhD in another field and the Admissions Committee has judged the Applicant's previous education has adequately prepared for the

commencement of the doctoral program (or, in the opinion of the admissions committee, sufficient preparation by attending some additional courses after the commencement of the course), applicants must be admitted without previous qualifications in another field will be considered.

2) **Subject Test:**

For Masters/ MPhil/MD/MS/MHPE/ MBA Programs

One of the options mentioned below will be implemented by the committee

- a) GAT General conducted by National Testing Service (NTS)
- b) Equivalent level test by the University
- c) A minimum of 50% cumulative score in one of the above-mentioned options to necessary.

For PhD program

One of the options mentioned below will be implemented by the committee

1. GAT Subject conducted by National Testing Service (NTS). A minimum of 60% cumulative score in the mentioned test.
2. Equivalent level test designed and conducted by the University. Subject tests shall not be required for admission to most PhD programs, with the possible exception of certain science disciplines, at the discretion of the university. The qualifying score for this will be 70% score. Prior permission from Higher Education Commission will be required for adopting this modality.

3) **Statement of Purpose:**

Applicants for both Masters and PhD programs must submit a statement of purpose consisting of between 500 to 700 words that outlines their academic and professional goals, as well as their research interests and experience.

This will be submitted before the admission test in MS Word, Font Verdana and Size 12 with spacing of 1.15 on A 4 size paper.

The name of the applicant has to be included at the top of the statement.

3) **Interviews:**

Shortlisted applicants will be invited for an interview with the program's admissions committee, which may be conducted in person

or online, this will be at the discretion of the said committee with the prior permission of the Vice Chancellor.

4) **Selection Process:**

Admissions decisions are made by the program's admissions committee, which reviews each application holistically, taking into consideration all of the above factors. The committee seeks to admit students who demonstrate academic excellence, research potential, and a strong commitment to their chosen field of study.

The committee will take into account the score on the admission test, Statement of Purpose and score on the interview.

Weightage:

Admission Test:	40%
Statement of Purpose:	30%
Interview:	30%

The cumulative score of all three segments will count for the final merit list for admission. (Annexures included)

The committee will submit the list to the Vice Chancellor's Office for review and approval.

5) **Notification for Admission Schedule:**

The schedule for admissions will be decided by the Admissions Committee and submitted to Vice Chancellor Office for approval. It will be advertised as per university media policy and the on the website for dissemination of information.

The office of the Director of Postgraduate Medical Institute (PGMI) will monitor the process and progress in this regard.

6) **Notification of Admissions Decision**

The merit list as well as the list of candidates who will be offered admission will be displayed ONE WEEK after the last interview on the University Website.

Posting of the merit list on the University Website will be done by the IT department on the instruction of the office of the Director of Postgraduate Medical Institute (PGMI) and the document will be provided by the same office.

Annexures:

1. Checklist for Statement of Purpose for Masters Level
2. Checklist for Interview for Master Level

3. Checklist for Statement of Purpose for PhD Level
4. Checklist for Interview for PhD Level
5. Composition and Terms of Reference of Admissions Committee
6. Template for Schedule for Admissions in Masters and PhD Process

Reference Documents:

1. Minimum Criteria for Admission in MS/MPhil/Equivalent and PhD Programs (accessible <https://www.hec.gov.pk/Pages/Search-Results.aspx?k=admissions%20criteria>)
2. The Higher Education Commission Policy on PhD degree programs Effective January 1, 2021
<https://www.hec.gov.pk/english/services/faculty/Plagiarism/Documents/HEC-PhD-Policy.pdf>