

THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

MEDICAL COLLEGE

MASTER OF MEDICINE

ADMISSION INFORMATION

ABOUT THE MEDICAL COLLEGE

The Aga Khan University Medical College, East Africa is dedicated to developing the next generation of health professions leaders — specialist doctors and educators whose expertise, compassion, and commitment will make a lasting difference in the lives of their patients and communities.

Established in 2004, following the transformation of the Aga Khan Hospital, Nairobi, into a fully accredited teaching hospital, the Medical College launched its first Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME) programmes at the Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi (AKUH,N). Since then, it has trained over 192 specialist physicians across multiple disciplines including General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, Family Medicine, and others. In 2014, the College expanded its offerings to include sub-specialty fellowship training, nurturing highly skilled consultants who continue to advance the quality of care in the region.

With campuses in Nairobi (Kenya) and Dar es Salaam (Tanzania), the Medical College now has over 134 faculty members. Remarkably, over 90% of our graduates remain in East Africa, contributing directly to strengthening the region's healthcare systems as clinicians, educators, and leaders.

The College's mission extends beyond postgraduate education. The launch of the Undergraduate Medical Education (UGME) programme in 2023 marks a significant milestone in preparing future physicians equipped with the knowledge, skills, and ethical foundation to deliver evidence-based, person-centred care. This growing cohort of undergraduates will further enrich the healthcare workforce across East Africa.

The recent construction of the University Academic Centre has created new opportunities for academic growth, enabling the expansion of undergraduate, postgraduate, and fellowship training in the coming years. The College's footprint

includes a research base in Mombasa, and collaborations with public hospitals, county health facilities, and community-based training sites, ensuring that learning and service are deeply rooted in real-world health needs.

Our Centres of Excellence — the Centre of Excellence for Women and Child Health (COWECH), the Brain and Mind Institute (BMI), and the Institute for Human Development (IHD) — further strengthen the College's role as a hub for innovation, research, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

The Medical College benefits from a rich geographic network that spans the Aga Khan Health Services (AKHS) in Kenya and Tanzania, a growing system of outreach clinics, and collaborations within the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN). With plans underway to establish a new Aga Khan University Hospital and Academic Campus in Kampala, Uganda, the College continues to expand its reach, creating an unprecedented environment for training and research in a region of great need — and great promise.

We work in close partnership with regional universities, county and district hospitals, and welcome opportunities for international collaboration to advance health, education, and well-being across East Africa and beyond.

Centre for Innovation in Medical Education (CIME)

At the heart of AKU's training ecosystem is the Centre for Innovation in Medical Education (CIME), a state-of-the-art simulation and innovation facility that transforms the way healthcare professionals learn and teach. CIME provides a safe, high-fidelity environment where trainees can practice clinical and procedural skills, participate in realistic team-based scenarios, and receive structured feedback that enhances performance and confidence.

Beyond training, CIME also serves as a centre for faculty development and educational research, equipping educators with tools and methodologies to deliver effective, learner-centred teaching. By integrating technology, innovation, and human-centred design, CIME bridges the gap between classroom learning and clinical practice — ensuring that AKU graduates are prepared to provide safe, high-quality, and compassionate care.

Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME)

Based at the Aga Khan University Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya, and the Aga Khan Hospital in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, the Aga Khan University's Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME) programmes provide high-quality specialist training that prepares physicians to lead, innovate, and advance healthcare across East Africa.

The PGME programmes offer four years of structured clinical training and examinations, leading to the Master of Medicine (MMed) degree. Candidates are admitted on merit through a rigorous selection process and represent a diverse cohort from across the region. Our AKU Postgraduate Medical Education programmes are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education – International (ACGME-I), a globally recognized body that upholds the highest standards in medical education. This accreditation affirms AKU's commitment to excellence, accountability, and continuous quality improvement, ensuring that training meets international benchmarks while remaining relevant to the East African context.

Each programme is designed to deliver relevant, contextual, and competency-based learning, tailored to the healthcare realities of Africa. Graduates emerge as skilled specialists who not only deliver excellent patient care but also contribute to strengthening health systems and improving outcomes in their communities and countries.

Areas of Clinical Specialization:

1. Anaesthesiology – offered in Nairobi, Kenya
2. Anatomic Pathology – offered in Nairobi, Kenya
3. Clinical Pathology – offered in Nairobi, Kenya
4. Family Medicine – offered in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania & Nairobi, Kenya
5. General Surgery – offered in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania & Nairobi, Kenya
6. Imaging and Diagnostic Radiology – offered in Nairobi, Kenya
7. Internal Medicine – offered in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania & Nairobi, Kenya
8. Obstetrics and Gynaecology – offered in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania & Nairobi, Kenya
9. Paediatrics and Child Health – offered in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania & Nairobi, Kenya

Through mentorship, simulation-based learning, research, and service in teaching hospitals and community settings, AKU's PGME programmes are developing a new generation of physician leaders — equipped to transform the practice and delivery of medicine in Africa.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- a) Bachelor's degree in medicine (MBChB/MBBS)
- b) 1-year post-basic qualification medical internship completion
- c) Registration by KMPDC of home country's Medical Board or Council
- d) Annual Retention Certificate for those in practice for more than 1 year

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates are encouraged to apply online. For assistance in completing the online application, applicants are advised to go through the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) or Understand the Online Process on the online application portal. Only in situations where the online application is not accessible, candidates may request for a paper-based application form by emailing the Admission Office at admissions.ke@aku.edu.

1. Certified copies of Medical School transcripts and degree certificates.
2. Medical board/council registration certificate and Annual Retention Certificate (applicable to those in practice for more than one year); or receipt as proof of payment for the certificate.
3. Letter of internship completion or clearance letter from medical superintendent of internship station.
4. Letter of application supporting intention to enter the programme.
5. A detailed current curriculum vitae.
6. A statement of purpose demonstrating intent to join the programme, of not more than 1000 words.
7. Letter(s) of appointment for previous employment, where applicable.

The successful applicants will need to submit the following documents before admission:

A: Local Students:

1. Kenya's Statutory Requirements (KRA Registration, SHIF Registration, NSSF Number)
2. Bank Account Number

B: International Students:

1. Student Pass (follow the link below on how to apply and the requirements) <https://fns.immigration.go.ke/infopack/passes/studentpass/>
2. Foreign National Certificate (follow the link below on how to apply and the requirements) <https://fns.immigration.go.ke/infopack/fns/fns/>
3. Bank Account Number
4. Kenya's Statutory Requirements (KRA Registration, SHIF Registration, NSSF Number)
5. KMPDC Temporary Registration and Practice License (follow link below on how to apply and the requirements) https://kmpdc.go.ke/resources/application_forms/2024/practitioners_forms/KMP_DC_Application_for_Reciprocal_Registration_Recognition_FORM_IV_2024.pdf

Note: Most of Kenyan statutory requirements are obtained online.

APPLICATION FEE

A non-refundable application fee of Ksh. 5,300/- is applicable.

MODE OF PAYMENT

The payment page on the application platform will include a link to Direct Pay Online (DPO). DPO accepts M-Pesa and credit/debit cards, serving both local and international applicants. A 3% surcharge is payable to Pesapal upon submitting the application. For M-Pesa payments, the amount payable, including the surcharge, will be reflected in your total balance.

SUBMITTING A HARD COPY APPLICATION

The application portal will be open from **Friday Nov 7, 2025 - Friday January 9, 2026**, In the case where an applicant has been allowed to submit a hard copy, the University is not responsible for any delays.

PHOTOGRAPH SPECIFICATION

- Passport-sized, coloured photo with white background.
- Taken within the last one week to reflect your current appearance.
- The photo should show a clear, front view, full face.
- Snapshots, mobile phone photos, or low-quality photos are not acceptable.

REPEATING APPLICATIONS

Applicants not successful in their first attempt may apply again with additional supporting information. A fresh application and documentation must be submitted for each admission cycle.

PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS

AKU will accept provisional applications pending submission of reference letters or transcripts. All pending documents must be submitted by the specified date.

THE AKU ADMISSION TEST

All applicants are required to take the AKU-MMed Admission Test scheduled for **Saturday February 21st, 2026**, the test will be offered both online and in person in our campuses.

ORAL INTERVIEWS

Applicants who are shortlisted by merit from the written test will be invited for oral interviews, scheduled from **Monday, March 23 to Friday, April 10, 2026**, Applicants should note that interviews are a mandatory component of the application process and do not guarantee selection. All applicants invited will be expected at the university for oral interviews.

FINAL SELECTION

Merit list of successful applicants will be communicated between **Monday, April 20, 2026, to Friday, April 24, 2026**

AKU ADMISSIONS POLICY:

2.3 Selection of students is made with great care and concern, and decisions are irrevocable and non-negotiable. Refer to the policy:

<https://www.aku.edu/admissions/Documents/policy-aku-admissions-046.pdf>

REVOKING ADMISSION

AKU reserves the right to revoke admission if application materials are found inaccurate, incomplete, or fraudulent.

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