

**Regulations for International Students at the Graduate Institute of
Clinical Medical Sciences (GICMS), Chang Gung University**

I. Admission Requirements

International students applying to GICMS must possess an MD degree from an accredited medical school or have equivalent academic qualifications that meet the admission criteria for clinical medical research at GICMS.

II. Academic courses

1. Students may select from English-taught courses offered by the College of Medicine at Chang Gung University, and all earned credits will be recognized. For elective courses, it is recommended that students select those related to their research topic or as advised by their supervisor.
2. Seminars are mainly organized by GICMS. Supervisors are required to attend and guide students in preparing and presenting their reports.
3. To enhance the academic and research exposure of international students, participation in the seminars of the Graduate Institute of Biomedical Sciences (GIBMS), which are held every Friday afternoon, is mandatory. Attendance will be included in the seminar score evaluation.
4. International students interested in conducting clinical observations at the Chang Gung Memorial Hospital may enroll in the "Clinical Epidemiology" course at GICMS. This course allows the students to accompany their advisors for relevant clinical activities.
5. The credit requirement for graduation will align with the PhD program regulations of GICMS. Elective courses should be selected in consultation with the advisors.

III. Dissertation and Qualification Examination

1. Advisors:
 - a. Full-time faculty members of GICMS are eligible to serve as dissertation advisors.

Students may select them to serve as their advisors during the study period.

- b. A basic medical science advisor from GIBMS could also serve as the advisor. This advisor must collaborate with a clinical professor jointly appointed by GICMS.
- c. Individuals who hold both MD and PhD degrees and are jointly appointed by GICMS are also eligible to serve as advisors.

Note 1:

- (i) The appointments of physicians at the professor level to GICMS must be approved by the Faculty Evaluation Committee of GICMS. All other regulations are governed by the Human Resources Office of Chang Gung University.
- (ii) Advisors from GIBMS include all full-time faculty members of the doctoral program at GIBMS.

2. Dissertation:

The dissertation should integrate both clinical and laboratory research. Dissertation development must follow the guidelines prescribed by GICMS, which includes the research proposal (completed before the third year), progress reports (once a year), and final defense.

3. Oral Examination of the Qualification Examination:

The oral examination is conducted in accordance with GICMS regulations and consists of a committee of five members (the supervisor may not be included). Questions of the oral examination may be related to the student's dissertation topic.

4. Qualification Examination Deadline:

Students must complete the qualification examination before the beginning of the fourth year of the Ph.D. program.

IV. Graduation Requirements:

1. Course Credits:

The required number of course credits shall comply with the regulations of GICMS.

2. Conference Participation:

Students must complete one poster presentation and one oral presentation for graduation.

(1) Poster Presentation:

Students may participate in the GIBMS poster competition or present posters at international medical association conferences.

(2) Oral Presentation:

Oral presentations are allowed at conferences in Combined Conference of Graduate Institutes Clinical Medicine in Taiwan or by domestic and international professional medical societies.

3. English Requirement:

International students are exempt from the university-wide English proficiency requirement for graduation.

4. Publication Requirements:

a. The publication must meet the requirements set by GICMS, with a journal impact factor of at least 6.

b. Two SCI Publications:

(i) The total impact factor of the two publications must be 6 or higher,

(ii) The ranking of at least one of the two publications must be within the top 25% (Q1) of its relevant discipline.

c. Consideration for Senior Students:

Senior working students (year 9 and above) and regular students (year 6 and above) who have not completed the publication requirement may submit the application for oral defense, when

(1) the manuscript was rejected (student must submit a proof of manuscript submission), and

(2) a recommendation for final defense is provided by the advisor, and

(3) the application for final defense has been approved by the Clinical Research Institute's Administrative Committee of GICMS.

Note 2:

(i) All publications submitted for graduation must have their advisors listed as the corresponding authors (or co-author in certain approved conditions) and the Graduate Institute of Clinical Medical Sciences, Chang Gung University as the affiliation.

(ii) When the submitted publications have more than one first author, the impact factor will be equally divided among the first authors. When one article does not meet the graduation requirement due to shared authorship, the student must submit a paper as the sole first author for graduation.

(iii) The impact factor used for calculation will be the highest value during their entire course of study at GICMS.

V. Other Relevant Aspects

1. Admission Review:

The Director of GICMS will serve as the convener. A committee consisting of at least three faculty members from relevant fields will be assembled to conduct a joint review of admissions.

2. Review of Scholarships and Other Student Affairs:

The Director of GICMS will also serve as the convener for scholarship reviews and other student-related matters. A committee of at least three faculty members from relevant fields will be formed to carry out the review process.

3. Supervisor-Student Disputes:

In the event of a dispute between a student and their supervisor during the course of study, the Director of GICMS may convene a committee composed of supervisors and relevant faculty members to provide counseling and mediation.