

## The Kent and Medway Medical School BMBS Programme

The KMMS curriculum is based on the equivalent successful and highly evaluated programme from our contingency medical school, Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS). The curriculum model is a spiral curriculum whereby students build upon the principles and concepts taught year by year, increasing the depth and range of topics learnt. KMMS must satisfy certain regulatory conditions and is subject to an ongoing accreditation process led by the General Medical Council (GMC) so that our students will not be disadvantaged should they need to transfer (novate) to the BSMS programme for any reason, now and until 2025.

Our contingency school, BSMS, is entirely supportive of KMMS and we have open channels of communication at all levels of both schools. Sharing of formal curriculum and programme information, as well as of tacit expertise held by our partner school is the norm. It is part of the GMC's accreditation quality assurance process that we are able to demonstrate that KMMS students have been taught the same content to the same level and have undergone the same rigour of assessment as those of our contingency school. By ensuring this equivalency, the GMC will ensure that KMMS graduates are safe, competent and fulfil the requirements of Outcomes for Graduates (2019).

Within the broad benchmarking required to ensure that novation of KMMS students to the BSMS programme would be feasible should the GMC deem it necessary, there is an expectation of innovation in curriculum design and delivery. KMMS has introduced several, major themes and tracks that will cut across the horizontal integration of basic sciences and clinical practice in the curriculum. These themes provide the vehicle for introducing some of the additional curricular elements that will distinguish the KMMS programme in its vision.

With students arriving in September 2020, the medical school has an ambitious staff recruitment plan so that we have the faculty in place to deliver the programme. Both universities have wide and diverse established faculty with workload allocation models which will allow collaborations between established programmes and faculty and the medical school. Led by the UG Programme Director a gap analysis is ongoing, predicated on our finalised programme and, where gaps are identified, specific expertise will be recruited in the Spring of 2020.

As part of a fast-paced, start-up project, the successful candidate will be a member of both Universities and will be able to access the professional and personal services of either institution. The candidate will have a bespoke onboarding process at KMMS and will benefit from the mentorship of their equivalent at BSMS upon appointment for up to 5 years formally (the duration of our contingency agreement).

Professional Services Support and Office/IT facilities. All KMMS substantive staff benefit from the support of a growing pooled professional services team. The postholder will have access to workspace and IT facilities in both medical school main facilities. The medical school operates on a philosophy of open-plan and collaborative workspaces and its two main hubs are split between CCCU and the University of Kent where we have dedicated facilities for the School. This role will involve working on both the University of Kent and the Canterbury Christ Church University campuses in Canterbury and Medway.

### Further Information:

Prospective candidates are encouraged to visit the medical school, which may be arranged by contacting Professor Chris Holland, Founding Dean of KMMS, Consultant in Intensive Care Medicine ([dean@kmms.ac.uk](mailto:dean@kmms.ac.uk)).