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# Regulation on admission restrictions and the admission procedure for the jointly established Master's programme in Pharmaceutical Sciences – Drug Development and Regulatory Affairs at the Medical University of Innsbruck and the Leopold Franzens University of Innsbruck for admissions from the 2026/2027 academic year onwards 7

## Preamble

The Master's programme in Pharmaceutical Sciences – Drug Development and Regulatory Affairs, hereinafter referred to as PHARM\_SCI, has been established as a jointly organised programme in English at the Medical University of Innsbruck and the Leopold Franzens University of Innsbruck. This regulation governs admission to this programme through the PHARM\_SCI admission procedure, which is carried out exclusively by the Medical University of Innsbruck for both universities prior to admission.

The Rectorate of the Medical University of Innsbruck and the Rectorate of the University of Innsbruck have, in accordance with § 54e (1) and § 63a (8) UG as amended, after consultation with the respective senate, issued the following regulation on admission restrictions for the Master's programme PHARM\_SCI:

## I. Content of the regulation and regulatory authority

**§ 1.** (1) This regulation governs the determination of the number of first-year students for the PHARM\_SCI Master's programme at the Medical University of Innsbruck and the Leopold Franzens University of Innsbruck, as well as the admission procedure prior to admission to the programme.

(2) The Rectorate of the Medical University of Innsbruck has

1. the protective regulations and hygiene measures that may be necessary due to external, uncontrollable events or occurrences (epidemics, pandemics, etc.) for all stages of the procedure in which the personal presence of applicants is required,
2. the provisions for the selection of applicants in the event of "prevention of parts of the PHARM\_SCI admission procedure due to force majeure" and,
3. if necessary due to external events or occurrences beyond our control (epidemics, pandemics, etc.), to determine the postponement of the test day by means of a regulation.

## II. Scope

**§ 2.** The regulation on admission restrictions applies to all applicants for the PHARM\_SCI Master's programme at the Medical University of Innsbruck and the Leopold Franzens University of Innsbruck. Applicants are admitted exclusively at the beginning of the respective academic year.

**§ 3.** The provisions for the admission procedure pursuant to §§ 5 ff do not apply to:

1. Students enrolled in the PHARM\_SCI Master's programme who, at the time of the admission procedure for the PHARM\_SCI Master's programme, are admitted to the Medical University of Innsbruck or the Leopold Franzens University of Innsbruck and continue their studies (§ 62 UG) as well as
2. students who are admitted to a PHARM\_SCI Master's programme at a foreign university or equivalent foreign recognised post-secondary educational institution and are studying at the Medical University of Innsbruck or the Leopold Franzens University of Innsbruck as part of an international mobility programme (e.g. ERASMUS).

## III. Number of study places

**§ 4.** (1) The following number of places is determined in accordance with the cooperation agreement between the Medical University of Innsbruck and the Leopold Franzens University of Innsbruck, which forms the basis for the jointly established programme, and in accordance with § 63a (8) UG for the PHARM\_SCI Master's programme at the Medical University of Innsbruck or the Leopold Franzens University of Innsbruck: **30**

(2) Several years of experience have shown that the number of study places in the first semester falls below 30 due to the withdrawal of applicants or students with fixed study place allocations who do not accept their fixed study place allocations, or due to students dropping out within the first semester. Therefore, the number of study places at both universities (para. 1) can be increased to a maximum of 33.

#### **IV. Admission procedure for the PHARM\_SCI Master's programme**

**§ 5.** (1) The admission of applicants for the PHARM\_SCI Master's programme is governed by the admission procedure in accordance with §§ 5 ff.

Study places are allocated in two steps as part of the admission procedure (PHARM\_SCI), with the exception of § 15 para. 1 (fewer than 35 applicants):

1. In the first step, applicants are ranked on the basis of a special knowledge test for the PHARM\_SCI Master's programme (PHARM\_SCI test). Applicants ranked 1 to 50 are
2. invited to a selection interview in a second step.

(2) The costs incurred by applicants in the course of the admission procedure pursuant to Sections 5 ff are not refundable.

(3) Persons who, at the time of online registration, are eligible to participate in the admission procedure (Sections 5 ff) in accordance with Section 64 (3) UG and Section 63 (1) (3) and (10) UG, as amended, are

1. are completing a relevant bachelor's degree, diploma degree or a relevant bachelor's degree at a university of applied sciences or another equivalent degree at a recognised domestic or foreign post-secondary educational institution. Eligible degree programmes include bachelor's or diploma programmes in pharmacy, chemistry or biology at the Leopold Franzens University of Innsbruck, as well as the bachelor's programme in molecular medicine or the diploma programme in human medicine at the Medical University of Innsbruck. If equivalence is fundamentally given and only individual additions are missing for full equivalence, additional courses and examinations worth a maximum of 30 ECTS credits may be prescribed in order to achieve full equivalence within the framework of admission.
2. The necessary knowledge of the English language is available and can be proven at the time of admission, provided that English is not the applicant's first language. Knowledge of the language is proven in particular by a school leaving certificate based on instruction in this language (level C1).

#### **Online registration**

**§ 6.** (1) Applicants must register online via the ANV Management Portal within the registration period. The registration deadline is published annually on the website of the Medical University of Innsbruck at [https://www.i-med.ac.at/studium/zulassung/zulassung\\_pharm\\_sci.html.en](https://www.i-med.ac.at/studium/zulassung/zulassung_pharm_sci.html.en).

(2) In addition to general personal data (surname, first name, place of residence, etc.), the choice of field of study must be specified during this online registration. Data processing is carried out on the basis of the statutory provisions, in particular Art. 6 and Art. 9 of the EU GDPR, § 3 in conjunction with § 63a (8) of the University Act (UG) and the Education Documentation Act.

(3) The choice of field of study is binding. It is not possible to change this after payment of the cost contribution (§ 7).

(4) Valid online registration is a prerequisite for participation in the admission procedure (§§ 5 and 15). Online registration after the registration deadline (§ 6 (1)) or an extension of the registration deadline are not possible. Online registration is only possible within the specified deadline and only becomes valid upon receipt of the documents (§ 8) and the fee (§ 7) by in a timely and complete manner .

(5) The web address for the ANV Management Portal, through which registration takes place, will be published on the website of the Medical University of Innsbruck by the end of February of the respective year at the latest. An incompletely filled out, untruthful, non-compliant or late applications (paragraphs 1 to 4) are invalid and will not be considered. Requests for corrections are not to be made.

(6) Please note that all information to applicants will be provided electronically by the Medical University of Innsbruck. This also means that applicants must actively retrieve information from an ANV Management Portal specifically used for this purpose.

In addition, applicants are obliged to check their ANV Management Portal regularly – at least daily during the period of study place allocation in accordance with § 17 – for the receipt of electronic messages from the Medical University of Innsbruck or to have it checked.

### **Cost sharing**

**§ 7.** (1) Applicants must contribute to the costs of the admission procedure (§§ 5 ff and 15). The contribution amounts to € 90.

(2) The contribution must be paid within the deadline published on the website of the Medical University of Innsbruck [https://www.i-med.ac.at/studium/zulassung/zulassung\\_pharm\\_sci.html.en](https://www.i-med.ac.at/studium/zulassung/zulassung_pharm_sci.html.en), using one of the payment options offered by the Medical University of Innsbruck as part of the online application process, and must be paid in full into the account specified by the Medical University of Innsbruck as part of the online application process. The necessary information will be provided during the online registration process (§ 6). Applicants are expressly obliged to monitor the information in the ANV Management Portal of the Medical University of Innsbruck and to pay the cost contribution in such a way that the contribution is received in good time in the correct bank account of the Medical University of Innsbruck and to check that the cost contribution has been paid correctly. Applicants must also ensure that a payment confirmation is displayed in the system.

(3) An online application is invalid and participation in the admission procedure is therefore excluded if the fee has not been received in full by the end of the respective application deadline or if the documents required in accordance with § 8 (1) have not been uploaded correctly or are incomplete. Participation in the admission procedure (Section 5 (1)) is therefore excluded and no place at the university will be offered in this case. Requests for improvement are not to be made.

(4) If applicants do not appear for the test or selection interview despite having submitted a valid online application (§ 6) or if they withdraw from the process, they are not entitled to a refund of the fee paid. Similarly, there is no entitlement to a refund of the fee paid if applicants do not upload the necessary documents in accordance with Section 8 (1) correctly, completely or within the deadline (Section 7 (3)).

(5) This applies equally to admission procedures in one step (§ 15 (1)) and admission procedures in two steps (§ 15 (2)).

### **Document upload**

**§ 8.** (1) Applicants must upload the following documents to the ANV Management Portal within the specified deadline and in accordance with the [upload requirements](#), both of which are published on the website of the Medical University of Innsbruck ([https://www.i-med.ac.at/studium/zulassung/zulassung\\_pharm\\_sci.html.en](https://www.i-med.ac.at/studium/zulassung/zulassung_pharm_sci.html.en)).

- Transcript of Records (previous academic achievements, official document from the educational institution),
- Letter of motivation in English,
- Exposé or abstract of any bachelor's or scientific theses or other relevant written work in English, and
- Curriculum Vitae in English.

If the original "Transcript of Records" document is not available in German or English, it must be translated in accordance with the legal requirements in order to be valid, otherwise it will not be considered. This means that participation in the admission procedure is excluded. No requests for corrections will be made.

(2) If the complete documents are not uploaded to the ANV Management Portal within the specified period and in compliance with the provisions of paragraph 1 and the [upload requirements](#), the online application (§ 7) is invalid. Participation in the admission procedure is therefore excluded. Uploads or subsequent submissions outside the specified period will not be considered. No requests for corrections will be made.

### **Information on the admission procedure**

**§ 9.** (1) Applicants who have validly registered via the internet will receive access via the ANV Management Portal to download information about the knowledge test and its procedure.

(2) Once the final registration figures are known, i.e. after the deadline for online registration and the deadline for payment of the cost contribution and uploading of documents (§ 6 ff), applicants will be informed via the ANV Management Portal whether the admission procedure will take place in one step (§ 15 (1)) or in two steps (§ 15 (2)).

If the admission procedure is carried out in two stages in accordance with § 15 (2), the knowledge test will take place on the same day as the other written admission procedures at the Medical University of Innsbruck. The dates and deadlines will be published on the website of the Medical University of Innsbruck ([https://www.i-med.ac.at/studium/zulassung/zulassung\\_pharm\\_sci.html.en](https://www.i-med.ac.at/studium/zulassung/zulassung_pharm_sci.html.en)). The test location, time and duration will be announced to all applicants who have been registered as valid via the online application (§ 6) and subsequent payment of the cost contribution (§ 7) and upload of documents (§ 8) in good time, but no later than two weeks before the test date, by electronic message via the ANV Management Portal.

(3) Applicants in accordance with § 15 (1) (selection interview) and applicants in accordance with § 15 (2) (knowledge test and selection interview) who are ranked 1 to 50 after the knowledge test will be invited to a selection interview. The interviews will take place in the week following the further written admission procedures. Applicants will be notified of the dates in good time, at least two days in advance, via the ANV Management Portal.

(4) Applicants with a disability in accordance with § 3 BGStG who have duly registered for the admission procedure (§ 6), paid the cost contribution in full and on time (§ 7) and uploaded the documents in full and on time (§ 8) have the right to apply for a different examination method if the applicant can prove that they have a disability that makes it impossible for them to take an examination as part of the admission or selection procedure using the prescribed method. However, the educational objective of the chosen course of study must remain achievable.

The alternative examination method may only be approved in a manner that does not disadvantage the other applicants participating in the admission or selection procedure. A disability within the meaning of Section 3 of the BGStG is the effect of a physical, mental or psychological impairment or impairment of sensory functions that is not merely temporary and is likely to make it difficult to participate in society. A period of more than six months is considered to be not merely temporary.

The application for a different examination method due to this disability, including proof in the form of a medical certificate or report, must be uploaded to the ANV Management Portal within the deadline published on the website of the Medical University of Innsbruck (<https://www.i-med.ac.at/studium/anv-barrierefrei.html.en>). The application and proof must clearly indicate the disability and the necessary alternative examination method. Applicants who have submitted an application and provided proof of disability by the deadline will be informed after the application deadline and no later than one week before the admission procedure whether and in what way they will be granted a different examination method and, if necessary, appropriate support measures. Further information is available on the Medical University of Innsbruck website at (<https://www.i-med.ac.at/studium/anv-barrierefrei.html.en>). Applicants are obliged to regularly check the website of the Medical University of Innsbruck for information and to regularly check their ANV Management Portal for electronic messages from the Medical University of Innsbruck. Appeals and legal remedies against the decision made are not permitted.

Late applications are only permitted in justified exceptional cases. Requests for improvement are not to be made.

### **Admission procedure**

**§ 10.** (1) Study places (§ 4) for the PHARM\_SCI Master's programme are allocated on the basis of the PHARM\_SCI admission procedure (§§ 5 (1) and 15).

(2) The admission test (§ 15 (2)) is held in person in Innsbruck as a computer-based test or, alternatively, in written form on paper. The test assesses knowledge in the fields of genetics, physiology/pathophysiology, biology/molecular biology, chemistry/biochemistry, pharmaceutical technology and biotechnology, pharmacology and statistics.

(3) Further information on test preparation (Section 15(2)) is published on the website of the Medical University of Innsbruck ([https://www.i-med.ac.at/studium/zulassung/Vorbereitungsunterlagen\\_PHARM\\_SCI.html.de](https://www.i-med.ac.at/studium/zulassung/Vorbereitungsunterlagen_PHARM_SCI.html.de)).

**§ 11.** The admission procedure (§§ 5 and 15) is not an examination within the meaning of §§ 72 ff UG. Therefore, the provisions of §§ 72 to 79 UG do not apply.

**§ 12.** The disclosure of test questions to third parties and their use is prohibited. This right is exclusively reserved to the owner of the rights to the entrance examination. In the event of a violation of this provision, the Medical University of Innsbruck is entitled to claim damages and indemnification.

### **Exclusion and termination**

**§ 13.** (1) Applicants are obliged to inform themselves independently and on their own responsibility about all necessary protective regulations and hygiene measures for participation in the admission procedure, if applicable (§ 1 (2)).

(2) The identity of applicants must be verified before the start of the admission procedure. For this purpose, applicants must present a valid official photo ID in analogue/physical form. Digital forms of ID are not accepted and do not entitle the applicant to participate in the admission procedure. If an applicant refuses to provide identification, or if it is not possible to verify the identity of an applicant, or if there are justified doubts about the identity of an applicant, the PHARM\_SCI admissions procedure management is authorised to refuse the applicant in question access to the test venue.

(3) Applicants who arrive late may be refused participation in the admission procedure by the PHARM\_SCI admissions office.

(4) The test supervisor has the authority to arrange the seating order and assign seats to applicants. If an applicant does not follow the instructions of the test supervisor despite being asked to do so, the admissions office of PHARM\_SCI is authorised to exclude the applicant in question from the admissions test.

(5) If an applicant interrupts the admission test, the test will not be evaluated in the admission procedure.

(6) Participants in the admission test who interfere with the proper conduct of the test may be excluded from further participation in the test. In this case, the admission test will not be evaluated.

(7) Participants in the admission test who, despite warnings, do not comply with the necessary protective regulations and hygiene measures of the Medical University of Innsbruck (§ 1 (2)) will be excluded from the test, banned from the premises and immediately expelled from the test area. In this case, the admission test will not be evaluated.

(8) Applicants are obliged to keep themselves informed on a daily basis about the protective regulations and hygiene measures (§ 1 (2)) specified by the Rectorate of the Medical University of Innsbruck on the homepage of the Medical University of Innsbruck.

(9) Items not permitted during the test will be communicated to applicants via the ANV Management Portal of the Medical University of Innsbruck. Participants who still have prohibited items with them after the start of the test will be asked to hand them over to the supervisory staff and will receive a warning. Attempts to communicate with other participants during the test will also be punished with a warning. Participants in the entrance test who have received two warnings will be excluded from further participation in the test. In this case, the entrance test will not be evaluated.

(10) Participants in the entrance examination who attempt to influence the test results through dishonesty may be excluded from further participation in the test.

Dishonesty is deemed to have occurred in particular if participants use an unauthorised item after the start of the test, which has been communicated in advance by the ANV Management Portal of the Medical University of Innsbruck.

If participants in the admission test are excluded from further participation in the test due to dishonesty, or if dishonesty is discovered after completion of the admission test, the admission test will not be evaluated.

(11) The incidents mentioned in paragraphs 2 to 10 and other unusual incidents must be documented in an appropriate manner by the test supervisor.

(12) Applicants excluded by the responsible admissions office will be escorted from the test area and the admission test will not be evaluated.

(13) If applicants do not appear for the test despite having validly registered online (Section 6 (4)), paid the fee (Section 7 (2)) and uploaded the documents in full and on time (Section 8 (1)), or if they withdraw from the test, they will be excluded from the admission procedure. In this case, they will not be offered a place at the university.

(14) All provisions (paras. 2 to 13) apply mutatis mutandis to the selection interview in the admission procedure. If the applicant fails to confirm the date of the selection interview by the deadline, they will be excluded from the admission procedure.

### **Evaluation and selection**

**§ 14.** (1) The knowledge test is evaluated by the Medical University of Innsbruck. With the exception of § 15 (1), the result of the knowledge test and the resulting ranking determines who is invited to a selection interview (§ 15 (2)). The applicant is notified of their ranking via the ANV Management Portal.

(2) If parts of the PHARM\_SCI admission procedure are prevented by force majeure, the selection of applicants shall be carried out in accordance with the regulation "Prevention of parts of the PHARM\_SCI admission procedure by force majeure".

### **Determination of results, ranking list and allocation of study places**

**Section 15.** (1) If fewer than 35 applicants register validly for the admission procedure within the registration period (§ 6 (4)), the admission procedure for selection and allocation of study places shall, in deviation from § 5 (1), take place in a single step, by means of a selection interview to which the applicants shall be invited via the ANV Management Portal. The selection interview will take place exclusively in person in Innsbruck. Alternative dates in case of absence or a different examination method (hybrid) will not be granted. A selection committee appointed by the relevant members of the rectortates of both universities will draw up a list of questions that is binding for all. The results of these selection interviews will be used to determine the ranking list for the allocation of study places. Applicants in positions 1 to 30 or in the number of study places specified in § 4 (2) of the final ranking list will be allocated a study place. If fewer applicants register online in accordance with § 6 than there are study places available in accordance with § 4, no admission procedure will be carried out and each applicant will be offered a study place, provided that the legal requirements of §§ 63 ff and 91 UG are met.

(2) If 35 or more than 35 applicants register validly for the admission procedure within the registration period (Section 6 (4)), the admission procedure for selection and allocation of study places in accordance with Section 5 (1) shall take place in two steps (knowledge test and selection interview). Applicants who are ranked 1 to 50 in the knowledge test will be given the opportunity to participate in a selection interview, to which applicants will be invited via the ANV Management Portal. The selection interview will take place exclusively in person in Innsbruck. Alternative dates in case of absence or a different examination method (hybrid) will not be granted. There is a selection committee appointed by the responsible members of the rectortates of both universities, which draws up a list of questions that is binding for all.

The results of the entrance examination and selection interview are used to determine the final ranking list and decide on the award of a place at the university. Applicants in positions 1 to 30 or in the number of places specified in § 4 (2) of the final ranking list are allocated a place at the university.

(3) If several applicants achieve the same ranking in the last place (tie), the place will be allocated by lottery.

(4) If an applicant cancels the date of the selection interview, does not appear for the selection interview or fails to confirm the date of the selection interview in good time, they will be excluded from the admission procedure and any place on the list achieved through the knowledge test will be forfeited. The knowledge test and the selection interview are not examinations within the meaning of Sections 72 ff UG. The provisions of Sections 72 to 79 UG do not apply.

### **External events or occurrences beyond our control**

**§ 16.** (1) Applicants are obliged to inform themselves independently and on their own responsibility about all necessary protective regulations and hygiene measures for participation in the testing and all further procedural steps that require personal attendance, if applicable (§ 1 (2)).

(2) Applicants who, despite warnings, fail to comply with the necessary protective regulations and hygiene measures of the Medical University of Innsbruck for the admission procedure for the academic year in question

will be denied access to the test rooms or premises of the university. If the violation takes place in the testing premises, they will be excluded from the test, banned from the premises and immediately expelled from the testing area. The admission test will not be evaluated (Section 13 (1) and (7)).

(3) Applicants are obliged to keep themselves informed on a daily basis about the protective regulations and hygiene measures (§ 1 (2)) specified by the Rectorate of the Medical University of Innsbruck in the given case on the website of the Medical University of Innsbruck (§ 13 (1)).

## **V. Admission**

**§ 17.** (1) Only those applicants who have been offered a place on the PHARM\_SCI Master's programme on the basis of the ranking list (§ 15) may be admitted to the programme. Admission is granted exclusively by the Leopold Franzens University of Innsbruck. Information on admission to the Leopold Franzens University of Innsbruck is available on the website of the Leopold Franzens University of Innsbruck at <https://www.uibk.ac.at/studium/anmeldung-zulassung/aufnahmeverfahren-neu>.

In accordance with Section 54e (4) of the University Act (UG), applicants who are admitted to the Leopold Franzens University of Innsbruck also become members of the Medical University of Innsbruck. The regulations concerning the responsibilities for the enforcement of the provisions of study law and the application of the respective provisions of the statutes of study law are laid down in identical regulations, which are published in the respective newsletters of both universities.

(2) Admission to the PHARM\_SCI Master's programme requires that the applicant has obtained a place in the (final) ranking list (§ 15) for the relevant academic year and fulfils the requirements of §§ 63 ff and 91 UG.

(3) Subject to § 15 (1) last sentence, applicants who have not obtained a place on the (final) ranking list in accordance with § 15 are not eligible for admission.

(4) Applicants are expressly reminded of their obligation under § 6 to check their ANV Management Portal regularly – at least daily during the period of study place allocation – for the receipt of electronic messages from the Medical University of Innsbruck or to have it checked.

## **VI. Repeated participation in the admission procedure**

**Section 18.** Applicants who are not admitted to study in a given academic year may reapply in subsequent academic years. Applicants who are not admitted to study in a given academic year may participate in the admission procedure again without restriction. They will be treated in the same way as applicants participating in the admission procedure for the first time.

## **VII. Responsibility, entry into force**

**§ 19.** The Rectorate of the Medical University of Innsbruck is responsible for conducting the admission procedure.

**§ 20.** This regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the newsletter of the respective university. All previous regulations on admission restrictions and the admission procedure for the jointly established Master's programme in Pharmaceutical Sciences – Drug Development and Regulatory Affairs at the Medical University of Innsbruck and the Leopold Franzens University of Innsbruck shall cease to be valid at the same time.

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