



Live online information events about the

Master's Programme Pharmaceutical Sciences – Drug Development and Regulatory Affairs



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(University of Innsbruck and Medical University of Innsbruck)

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Master's Programme Pharmaceutical Sciences – Drug Development and Regulatory Affairs

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Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy

Master of Science

Duration/ECTS-Credits

4 semesters/120 ECTS-Credits

Mode of Study

Full-time

Language

English

Level of qualification

Master (Second Cycle)

ISCED-11: Level 7, EQF/NQF: Level 7

ISCED-F

0916 Pharmacy

Study Code

UC 066 607

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The programme

What are the educational objectives of the programme ?

Acquire knowledge...

- ...preclinical and clinical development and testing of medicinal products.
 - ...theoretical and practical regulatory knowledge required for successful marketing authorisation in Europe.
- Independently and successfully plan, organise and carry out complex projects in the context of modern drug development and accompany them through to final market approval.

What are the career opportunities offered by this training?

- Pharmaceutical/biotech companies
- Regulatory authorities
- Clinical research organisations
- Clinical trial advisory centres
- National Health Service/Insurance
- Health-Technology Assessment
- National and international doctoral programs

Who is part of the teaching faculty ?

Experts with long-time experience in

- international drug companies: Roche, Sandoz, Novartis, Bristol Myers Squibb Company, AOP Orphan
- regulatory bodies: European Medicines Agency (EMA), Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES)
- universities (ethics committee, Competence Center for Clinical Trials)
- competent advisory board

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The programme

Semester 1

Introductory courses

Preclinical pharmacology/drug development quality aspects

Semester 2

Statistics, clinical trials, regulatory aspects of drug approval, Intellectual Property, market access, pricing

Semester 3

Generate documents for clinical trials and drug approval;

Internship: Industry or Medicinal Product Development/Regulatory

Semester 4

Master thesis (12 weeks)

Scientific Writing

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Internship

Examples of previous internship placements of our students

Assign Data Management and Biostatistics GmbH, Innsbruck (A)

Boehringer Ingelheim, Biberach an der Riß (D)

Explicat Pharma, Hohenbrunn (D)

F. Hoffmann-La Roche AG, Basel (CH)

Fresenius Medical Care, Bad Homburg (D)

KinCon Biolabs, Innsbruck (A)

MUI, Institute of Pharmacology, Innsbruck (A)

MUI, Institute of Virology, Innsbruck (A)

MUI, BrustGesundheitZentrum, Innsbruck (A)

MUI, Kompetenzzentrum für Klinische Studien (KKS), Innsbruck (A)

Novartis, Schafftenau (A)

Novartis, OSD Galenics Depertmen, Stein (CH)

Sandoz GmbH, Kundl (A)

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What the programme is NOT !

It is NOT a Master programme in

- Pharmacy or clinical pharmacy (offered within Pharmacy programme at the University of Innsbruck)
- Pharmacology or clinical pharmacology
- Drug discovery

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How to Apply

4 Semester/120 ECTS)
limited to 30 students/study year

Requirements for application

- Internet registration
- Subject-relevant bachelor, master or diploma degree or other equivalent degree from a recognized educational institution
- English level of B2

Dates/Deadlines

- Internet registration (€ 90.00) and document upload March 2 – May 6, 2026
- Access for document upload via the Management Portal <https://aufnahmeverfahren.i-med.ac.at/signup>

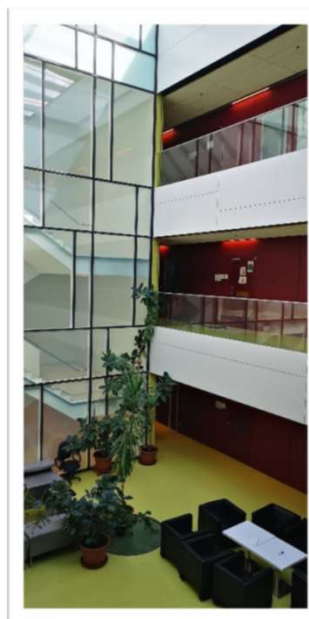
Admission procedure

Information via Management Portal https://www.i-med.ac.at/studium/zulassung/zulassung_pharm_sci.html.en

- Written test in Innsbruck July 3, 2026
- Selection Interview July 9-10, 2026
- Information about acceptance Mid-July (week 29)
- Admission

You can participate in the admission process **even BEFORE** you receive your final degree (e.g. even before completion of your bachelor thesis).

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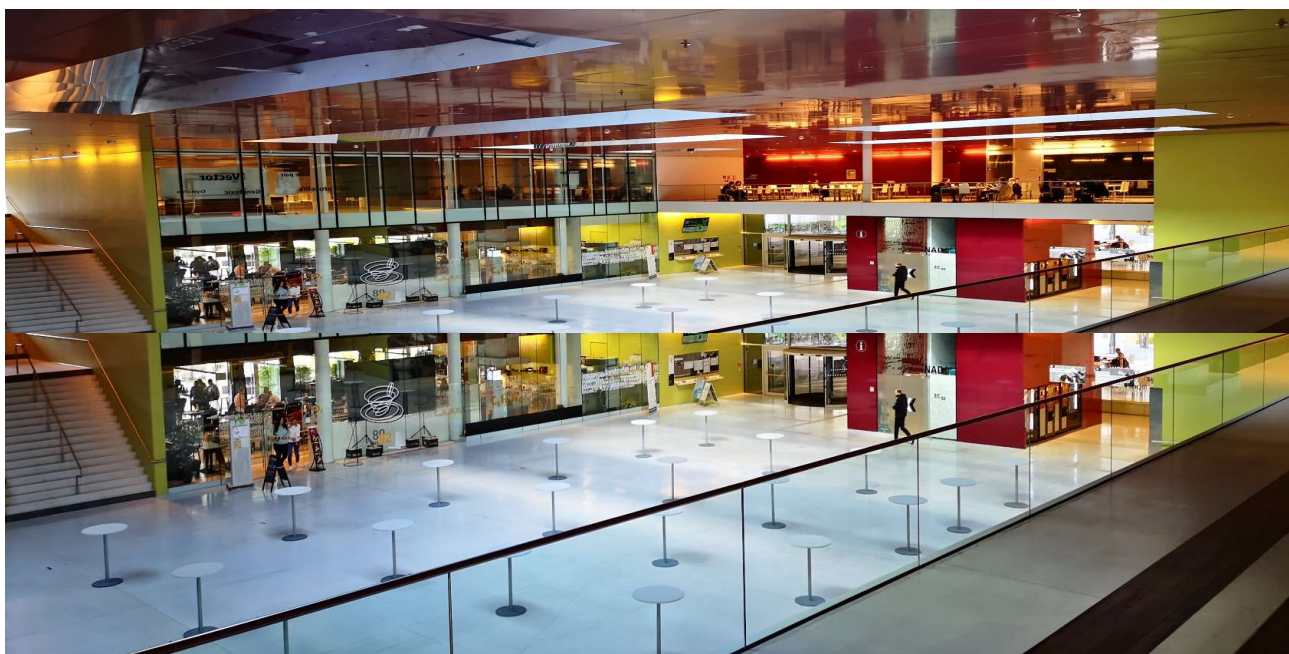


More information/helpful links

- on the programme's website: <https://www.uibk.ac.at/en/programmes/ma-pharmaceutical-sciences/>
- Admission Details: https://www.i-med.ac.at/studium/zulassung/zulassung_pharm_sci.html.en
- Advisory Board: <https://www.uibk.ac.at/en/programmes/ma-pharmaceutical-sciences/pharmaceutical-sciences-advisory-board/>

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ASK YOUR QUESTIONS!



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- Are there any requirements regarding the content of the motivational letter? Should it only contain the reasons, why I want to do this master's programme, or is it also a kind of work, where I present, how I am qualified for the master? (internships, work experience...)?

The letter should provide us with information why, based on your previous training and experience, you want to join this programme. It makes sense to briefly outline any knowledge and skills you already have that might be of benefit for this study. It also helps us to ask specific questions in the interview related to your motivational aspects. The motivations letter should not be considered as a part of an exam. But motivation for a study is often an important prerequisite for being successful.



- Is the practical experience in global regulatory affairs in a multinational company a plus?

Yes, of course, because it shows your high motivation for the study topics.

- Is it possible to apply if one still have to complete the last exams of the bachelor after May 6th?

Yes, this is possible. You must have completed your bachelor thesis by the final admission date, 31.10.2026 (05.09.2026 for third countries). In your written application/motivation letter provide information about your ongoing or planned bachelor thesis (i.e. topic, hypothesis, methodological approach, expected results, thesis advisor).

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- Is the language requirement valid if my high school diploma shows a "B2+/C1" for English?
You must prove English language skills at level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) at the time of application. The University of Innsbruck recognises the following proofs of English language skills at level B2 (or at a high level than B2 resp.):

a) Unlimited validity:

- Documents of an educational institution proving successful completion of a school-leaving certificate, a Bachelor's programme or an at least 2-year long Master's programme in English
- Positive mark in English in the annual school report preceding the school-leaving certificate or on the school-leaving certificate issued from a school within the EU, the EEA or Switzerland
- Sprachenzentrum (Language Center) at the University of Innsbruck: successful completion of English course at advanced level III (B2)

b) Not older than two years from the date of the examination:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) -> iBT Test: from 72 Scores
- British Council: International English Testing System (IELTS) -> from 5,5 Scores
- Cambridge Assessment English B2 -> First Certificate in English (FCE)
- Pearson Test of English PTE Academic -> from 59 Scores

Further information concerning language requirements: Admission Department
<https://www.uibk.ac.at/en/admission-department/>



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- Will the selection interview take place online, or is it mandatory to be present on campus?

Both the written exam and the interview take place at the University of Innsbruck, and attendance in person is mandatory.

- Regarding the interview: If there is no written test, will the interview include knowledge-based questions (e.g. in genetics, pharmacology, statistics), or will it be more of a personal discussion?

Following up your application documents and motivation letter, we want to get more information about e.g. your motivation, your approach to this study programme and your previous training. We may also ask knowledge-based questions, but interpret your answers also based on the background of your previous education.

- If there are gaps in prior knowledge in certain subject areas, is it mandatory or recommended to complete additional courses?

It depends on your previous knowledge, but we had students with a biochemistry, chemistry or biotechnology background before, who could quickly catch-up with the basics in pharmaceutical sciences that are good to have for understanding the regulatory background of our programme. The mandatory electives at the beginning help!



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- When does the next academic year (winter semester) begin?

Study year 2026/2027

winter semester: 01.10.2026 - 30.01.2027

- How much lab work is included in the PHARM-SCI studies?

There is not much lab work included in the study programme (only in UE Drug Analysis and Validation Parameters). For further details, please refer to the full version of the curriculum on this site:

<https://www.uibk.ac.at/en/programmes/ma-pharmaceutical-sciences/>

- Is attendance mandatory during the programme?

Attendance is not mandatory for lectures; however, it is compulsory for seminars and practical courses, also for exams.



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Thank you for your interest and attention!

The **online registration** is open until **May 6, 2026**:

<https://aufnahmeverfahren.i-med.ac.at/signup>

We would be happy to welcome you to the programme!

