



GRADUATES 2021

Dear Graduates,

It is a nice time.

You have come to the end of your student journey and this day is exceptional. You have completed a very important step in your life. It will never be the same again. You managed to get through the adaptation problems and to meet the high requirements. And you did it very well.

You have chosen a special profession. A profession that requires solicitude, deep empathy, mindfulness, dedication, but also constant deepening of your knowledge and acquiring new competences.

We believe you will handle all of this extremely well.

This last year was a special one. Nobody expected that we would find ourselves in a difficult situation not only because of limited social contacts or many restrictions but also because of the necessity to introduce many changes in your very important education. Thank you for your mature cooperation and the invaluable help that you also provided to the people of Poznań.

We hope this year has taught us all something new.

Something that should pay off in the future and will strengthen our sense of security and solidarity.

We are glad that you are all completing these studies, that there is no one missing. We wish you nothing but success, satisfaction, peace and health.

We hope you will meet amazing people, your masters and sincere friends on your way. We also hope that the choices you make will give you a lot of satisfaction.

Thank you all for being with us.

You give us power to work in all these convoluted corridors of medical education. And it is year by year.

Take care and stay in touch! Good luck and hopefully see you soon one day in Poland, again!

Goodbye!

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POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, POLAND

General information

For nearly 100 years Poznan University of Medical Sciences (PUMS) has been educating medical students from the region, and the programs of education in English have gradually become an integral part of it during past 25 years. Currently PUMS enjoys a top position as one of the best medical universities and clinical research centers in Poland that offers its students the highest number of medical specialty areas to choose from. All of research and clinical teaching activities are conducted here in close partnership with six clinical hospitals and its consolidated campus is growing quickly.

In the present academic year, there are over 8,000 students enrolled altogether, with nearly 900 students of English Programs. Such a high involvement of international students makes learning experience in Poznan a richer one for all concerned: students, faculty, patients, as well as the local community. During the past 25 years, students from more than 50 countries have studied and lived here — and this list continues to grow with each year.

University staff

The Poznan University of Medical Sciences employs 2,000 teaching and research staff (including administrative personnel) whose high level of education and vast professional experience have made PUMS one of the best institutions of its kind in Poland and in Central Europe. A majority of our faculty have received Ph.D. and post-graduate degrees in medicine, dentistry, physiotherapy, pharmacy, and other areas of science. Therefore, PUMS is well endowed with outstanding faculty members who offer their support and guidance to students pursuing different specializations and degrees at graduate and post-graduate levels.

Our faculty are credited with introducing pioneering medical techniques in bone marrow transplants, heart surgery, cancer of the eye surgery, and hybrid implants for ear and nose cancer patients.

International cooperation

One of the top priorities for the growth of the University is the expansion of the various forms of collaboration in the areas of teaching and research. Until present, the University has entered into more than 30 long-term partnership agreements with medical universities worldwide, including: Germany, France, Italy, Sweden, Norway, USA, China, Japan, the Ukraine, and Belarus. These collaborations engage both faculty and students through: joint research and participation in international programs and research projects; joint publications and participation in scientific conferences; as well as through numerous student and faculty exchanges. A substantial part of the conducted scientific research is linked to EU-funded science programs.

Competency based curriculum

Poznan University of Medical Sciences aspires to develop rich and exciting curricula. Students are presented with specific subject matter together with clinical objectives and potential outcomes, so that both student expectations and evaluations, either in the basic sciences or in the clinical studies, are made very clear by the respective faculty members. Furthermore, students receive training in problem-based learning through extensive use of brief clinical case studies in the basic sciences. In order to strengthen the existing practices on teaching methodology, PUMS has established the University System for Quality Assurance in Teaching and Learning.



Accreditation

Poznan University of Medical Sciences has received, among others, international accreditation from the following institutions in the United States and Europe: Department of Education, Medical Board of California, National Board of Medical Examiners, National Accreditation Commission, European Union Council or Medical Council of Taiwan, Medical and Dental Councils of Thailand or Ministry of Health in Jordan.

The above-listed accreditation privileges enable our graduates to have a smoother transition into their professional lives upon return to their home countries.

Graduates around the world

When the first international students enrolled in 1993, they were drawn to Poznan by the high quality of teaching and work of the University faculty, many of whom have come to serve on the boards of professional and scientific associations; have been invited to serve as advisors to the WHO and IAEA organizations; and have become outstanding clinical specialists and heads of hospital departments in Europe, North America, South Africa, and elsewhere. Over the years, the PUMS faculty and research staff have been receiving prestigious awards and wide recognition for the excellent quality of their work, innovations, research, and teaching; hence, many have been sought after by the world's advanced medical centers. For example, in 2008 Dr. Maria Siemionow, a PUMS graduate and professor of surgery, has been responsible for leading the landmark face transplantation surgery at the Cleveland Clinic in the USA.

Alumni Association

Inauguration of Alumni Association of English Programs' graduates took place in May 2007 during a special dinner organized to celebrate the 10th graduating class of English Programs.

In April 2009 a solemn meeting of the University's Alumni was held in the Polish Embassy in Washington D.C. At this meeting the authorities of PUMS presented a proposal of setting up the Alumni Association in the U.S with the following goals:

- sustaining contact with the University
- opening possibilities for further scientific cooperation and professional development of Alumni
- establishing contacts of Alumni with our students and supporting the ablest of them.

Across the Pacific Ocean we have also started an initiative to bring together and network our group of nearly 400 Taiwanese alumni – in October 2016 we co-hosted the 1st Taiwanese Alumni Reunion in Taipei, together with the Warsaw Trade Office - the official representative of Polish government in Taiwan.

This year we are overjoyed to host the Alumni Gala Dinner in New York on October 20 to bring together faculty, alumni and friends of the University. We hope that you will find time to participate in this event in this great transition period, while taking the first steps of your professional career. You are now the newest members of PUMS alumni family and you can count on our community's support through the challenges that lie ahead.

More information on Alumni initiatives and activities is available on the University website at www.pums.edu.pl under the heading: Information for Graduates. We will be happy to hear from you at alumni@pums.edu.pl, via LinkedIn PUMS Alumni Coordinator profile or through our other social media. Do not hesitate to contact us to have any formal matters taken care of if you want to share your current professional achievements or simply reconnect with classmates or faculty.

President of Poznan University of Medical Sciences

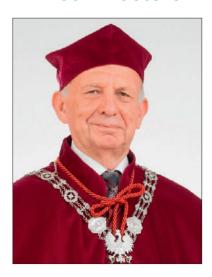


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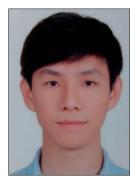
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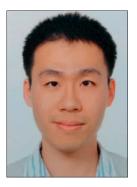
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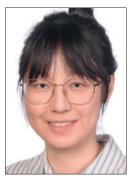
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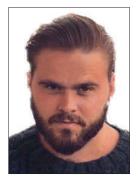
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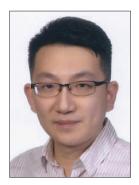
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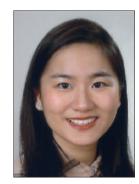
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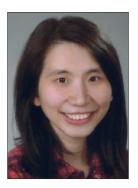
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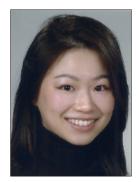
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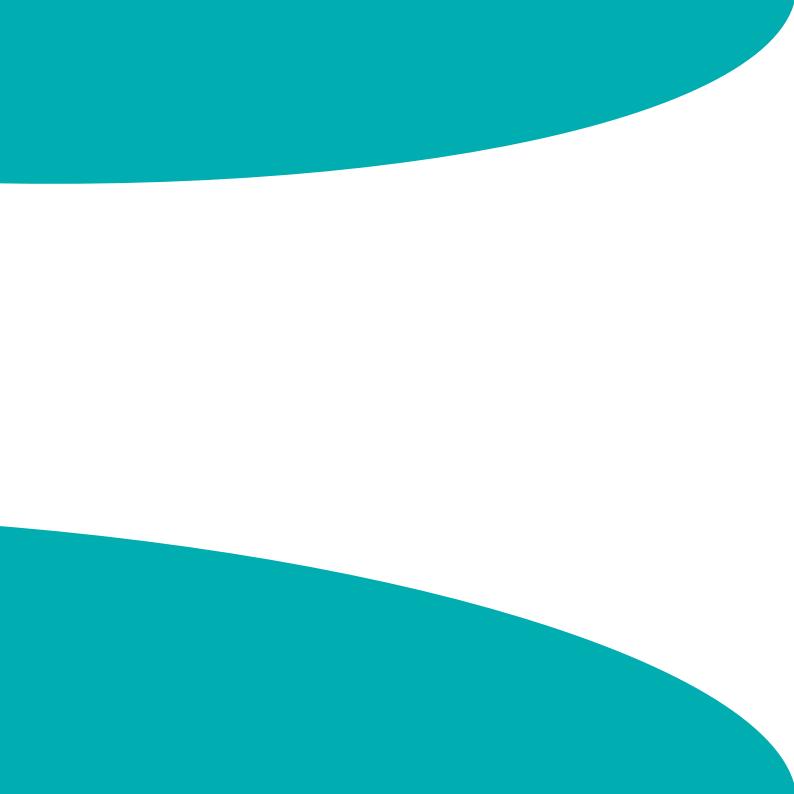


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