

Medicine and Health Sciences Board

Mission	The Medicine and Health Sciences Board is the governing authority on degree-awarding activities within RCSI
Reporting to	The Board reports to the Council of RCSI on reserved matters
Terms of Reference	<p>The main responsibilities of the Board shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to provide governance of the degree-awarding activities within RCSI; • to determine the financial constraints within which the Medicine and Health Sciences Board operates. These financial constraints will be determined in conjunction with the Council of RCSI; • to review the decisions of the Academic Council of the Medicine and Health Sciences Board.
Membership	<p>The Board shall be constituted as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair, RCSI President • Vice President (Ex-officio) • RCSI Council members (5) • Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (1) • RCSI Bahrain representatives (2) • Senior Management representatives: Vice Chancellor & CEO/Registrar, Director Finance, Director of Human Resources, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Research & Innovation (4) • Members of staff appointed by the Vice Chancellor & CEO/Registrar (3) • Elected staff representatives to include academic (2) and non-academic/professional (1) • Representative of undergraduate students (1) • Representative of postgraduate students (1) • Representatives from health service and educational partners (2) • Representatives of the public interest (2) <p>The Medicine and Health Sciences Board shall meet four times a year and shall be chaired by the RCSI President.</p>
Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board shall operate under the delegated authority of the RCSI Council. • The Board shall be responsible for overseeing the degree-awarding activities of RCSI and shall have the decision-making power in this area.
Matters reserved for RCSI Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of Vice Chancellor & CEO / Registrar and Senior Management Team. Exceptions are academic appointments of the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Research & Innovation who shall be appointed by the Medicine and Health Sciences Board. • Approval of overall RCSI Strategic Plan. • Approval of overall RCSI Financial Accounts. • Approval of overall RCSI Annual Budget. • Approval of acquisition or disposal of assets. • Approval of borrowings.
Quorum	The quorum for meetings is half the membership of the Board plus one and should include 2 Council members, 2 representatives from health service & education partners/public interest, 1 Senior Management Representative and 1 staff elected representative.
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excel in delivery of high-quality healthcare education. • Deliver a high impact Biosciences and Translational Research Programme, optimising strategic alliances. • Enhance RCSI community engagement, nationally and internationally. • Implement the Quality Improvement Plan. • Implement the RCSI Strategic Plan.

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Representative Grouping	Proposed method of selection/nomination	NAME
RCSI Council Members	Chair, RCSI President ^a Vice President (Ex-officio) ^a 1. Chair of Academic Council (Ex-officio) ^a 2. Chair of Finance Committee (Ex-officio) ^a 3. Council representative ^a 4. Council representative ^a 5. Council representative ^a	Professor Deborah McNamara Professor Michael Kerin Mr David Moore Ms Bridget Egan Professor Camilla Carroll Mr John Caird Mr Sean Johnston
Convenor	Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Professor Tracy Robson
RCSI Bahrain representatives	President Vice President for Academic Affairs	Professor Sameer Otoom Professor Alf Nicholson
Senior Management representatives	1. Vice Chancellor & CEO / Registrar 2. Director of Finance 3. Director of Human Resources 4. Deputy Vice Chancellor for Research & Innovation	Professor Cathal Kelly Ms Jennifer Cullinane Mr Barry Holmes Professor Fergal O'Brien
Appointed members of staff	1. Appointed by the Vice Chancellor & CEO / Registrar 2. Appointed by the Vice Chancellor & CEO / Registrar 3. Appointed by the Vice Chancellor & CEO / Registrar	Professor Helena Kelly <i>Appointed November 2024</i> Professor Fidelma Fitzpatrick <i>appointed September 2022</i> Professor Fergal Malone <i>appointed November 2023</i>
Elected staff representatives	1. By self-nomination and RCSI staff elections 2. By self-nomination and RCSI staff elections 3. By self-nomination and RCSI staff elections	Professor Gozie Offiah (academic staff) <i>appointed June 2023</i> Dr Muirne Spooner (academic staff) <i>appointed June 2023</i> Ms Cara McVeigh (professional staff) <i>appointed November 2022</i>
Representative of undergraduate students	1. Students' Union President	Mr Avinash Nazareth
Representative of postgraduate students	1. Postgraduate Students' Union President	Ms Yuyin Joanne Chang
Representatives from health service and educational partners	1. Request proposals from staff, Council and public ^b 2. Request proposals from staff, Council and public ^b	Professor Yvonne Barnett <i>Re-appointed May 2023</i> Professor Phyo Myint <i>Appointed December 2023</i>
Representatives of the public interest	3. Request proposals from staff, Council and public ^b 4. Request proposal from staff, Council and public ^b	Dr Joan Gilvarry <i>Appointed February 2025</i> Dr Attracta Halpin <i>Appointed February 2025</i>

^a Council term of office is two years. All other appointments are for 3 years, or term of the office-holder if different.

^b the period of office can be renewed for a further period of three years, up to a maximum of 6 years.

Secretariat	
Chair	RCSI President, Professor Deborah McNamara
Convenor	Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Professor Tracy Robson
Secretary	Associate Director for Academic Affairs, Dr Judith Gilroy

Gender Balance 42% male 58% female