Appointment of:

Perdana University – Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (PU-RCSI)

Lead in Anatomy

RCSI is delighted to invite applications for the position of **Lead in Anatomy** for the PU-RCSI Undergraduate Medical Programme. Based at our Perdana University campus in the lively, multi-cultural and invigorating city of Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia, this role offers the successful candidate a working opportunity of a lifetime.

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Job Description:

Job Title: RCSI Lead – Anatomy
Location: Perdana University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Reporting to: Dean, Perdana University-RCSI School of Medicine, with responsibility for the discipline
Term of office: area to the Professor/Head of Department of Anatomy in RCSI Dublin
Whole time/ 2 year appointment, with potential for renewal

1.1 Objective
The PU-RCSI Lead in Anatomy will lead and participate in the development, direction, teaching, facilitation and examining of the undergraduate Medical teaching programmes at Perdana University – RCSI (“PU-RCSI”) in the area of Anatomy.

1.2 The Position
The role holder will deliver the RCSI curriculum in the diverse, multi-cultural environment of Kuala Lumpur and will liaise with RCSI Dublin on curriculum delivery, examinations and research matters, ensuring academic quality and consistency across the RCSI campuses.

RCSI delivers the same medical degree programme and academic degrees across its campuses in Ireland, Bahrain and Malaysia. The PU-RCSI Lead in Anatomy is responsible for delivering this same course and assessments, and for contribution to the continual renewal of this common programme. The appointee may be required to teach at other PU-RCSI campuses and locations, within Malaysia and internationally.

For this position, RCSI is seeking a professional who is;
- Passionate about teaching and learning with a supportive, student-centred approach
- Interested in experiencing working as an academic in a fast paced international environment
- A great communicator with the ability to build strong relationships
- Motivated by student development in a culturally diverse setting
- Demonstrates initiative, openness and resilience in challenging but rewarding situations
- A consummate team-player who will contribute to the Junior Cycle (Year 1 and 2) management team
- A team-leader, capable of managing, guiding and developing the Anatomy faculty team
- Keen to explore possibilities for research and extending academic and clinical partnerships in the region.

The RCSI Lead in Anatomy will be responsible for adapting and delivering the RCSI curriculum to meet the needs of delivering the undergraduate medical curriculum in Malaysia. This curriculum will draw on and apply the best of international and national Anatomy and allied healthcare education using a wide variety of teaching methods.

The PU-RCSI Lead in Anatomy will have a strategic role and will collaborate with other Discipline Leads and the Cycle Director in the development and delivery of the Junior Cycle (JC). The majority of the teaching will be delivered in JC years 1 and 2.
RCSI in Dublin is the headquarter campus; Bahrain and Kuala Lumpur deliver the curriculum that is developed in Dublin. This offers the students an internationally recognised qualification from an already well established medical college with the highly respected global brand of RCSI, through a programme wholly delivered in Malaysia.

1.3. **Specific Duties, Responsibilities and Accountabilities include:**

- Contributing to the development, facilitation and delivery of the undergraduate medical school teaching programme in Anatomy.
- Organising programmes of instruction, including lectures, tutorials, practical activities and assessment in Anatomy for undergraduate students at PU-RCSI.
- Liaising closely with the Dean, Deputy Dean, Junior Cycle Director and other relevant PU-RCSI staff regarding curriculum development, teaching programmes and examinations.
- Liaising with the Professor / Head of Department of Anatomy and staff at RCSI Dublin regarding curriculum, examinations and research matters, as appropriate.
- Coordinate and execute delivery of Anatomy lectures, seminars, tutorials and all other teaching activities.
- Assist the Dean in the appointment of appropriately qualified locally recruited personnel for PU-RCSI Anatomy teaching and with local external examinerships.
- Contributing to the examination and assessments of RCSI and PU-RCSI, including question writing, standard setting and the grading of examinations, papers and projects.
- As appropriate, developing new courses and curricula required meeting ever-changing needs in education with the university and community.
- Evaluating and assessing student achievement in formal courses.

**General Duties, Responsibilities and Accountabilities include:**

- Implementing policies and decisions as determined by the Dean at PU-RCSI, Dean at RCSI Dublin and the Perdana University RCSI Medical Faculty Board.
- Advising and mentoring undergraduate students and providing advocacy as appropriate.
- Maintaining records to monitor student progress, achievement and attendance.
- Supporting students by participating in the Personal Mentor system.
- Promoting innovative education technologies as appropriate to support the course content.
- As appropriate, pursuing independent research or research collaborations relevant to the undergraduate medical school in PU-RCSI.
- Preparing subject content for e-learning purposes as requested.
- Ensuring course curricula and materials are kept up-to-date.
- Undertaking overseas assignments as may be required.
- Complying with Malaysian statutory legislation and implementing Perdana University rules and requirements in furtherance of your own and general staff welfare and safety.
- Undergoing programmes of training and development as may be required from time to time.
- Representing the best interests of PU-RCSI at all times.
- Contributing to School marketing activities including weekend Open Days, Career Fairs and School visits.
- Performing such other related duties as may be requested.

1.4. **Person Specification:**

**Essential Criteria:**
• Possession of a Medical Degree, or a PhD in Anatomy or a cognate discipline
• A proven track record of ability to teach Anatomy at appropriate undergraduate and/ or postgraduate levels.
• An up to date understanding of trends in undergraduate Medical Education.
• Excellent teaching skills with a minimum of 5 years’ experience and evidence of a strong track record in undergraduate teaching, assessment, course management and curriculum development.
• Credible managerial and leadership qualities with the ability to:
  o Communicate, motivate and delegate
  o Identify and cultivate talent
  o Inspire action form others
  o Lead effective teams
• A research track record, commensurate with experience.
• Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
• A team player willing to show flexibility in relation to working commitments.
• Experience in dealing with the challenges of delivering undergraduate education in a diverse multi-cultural environment.
• A strong interest in working in an overseas multi-cultural environment.
• Excellent spoken and written English.

Desirable Criteria:
• Possession of a higher qualification in a relevant discipline
• A publication record in impact factor-rated journals commensurate with experience.
• A strong track record in securing research grants
• Experience in curriculum development in Anatomy or in relevant sub-specialty
• A track record in supervising postgraduate students at Doctorate and/ or Masters level

Skills and Competencies:
• Sensitivity to the cultural challenges of working in a diverse multi-cultural environment.
• Highly developed, credible managerial and leadership qualities.
• Strong commitment to continuous personal and professional development.
• Effective communication style appropriate to location, audience and situation.
• Ability to act decisively and meet deadlines.
• Flexibility and willingness to work irregular hours when required.

Note: The RCSI appointee will be the Lead in Anatomy and the appointment will be made at an appropriate academic level as determined by the requirements of RCSI and Perdana University RCSI, curriculum delivery and the academic experience, qualifications and research track record of the successful applicant. Where the Lead is an academic member of staff at RCSI, their existing academic status will be maintained.

1.5. Application procedure:
Applications can be made by email to hrrecruitment@perdanauniversity.edu or through the RCSI careers website. Please visit www.rcsi.ie/careers, select ‘Current vacancies’ and search for ‘Academic’ competition type.

1.6. Formal & Informal Queries on the role and Kuala Lumpur:
Specific queries on the role and working and living in Kuala Lumpur can be directed to;
2.0. RCSI-PU Programme Overview

The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI), through its partnership with Perdana University (PU), Kuala Lumpur, licenses and delivers its five-year Undergraduate Medical Programme, as part of the Academic Medical Centre for Excellence. The programme is accredited by the Irish Medical Council, the Malaysian Medical Council, and the Malaysian Qualifications Agency.

The programme has approximately 231 students across the programme, of which the first full-cycle cohort graduated in September 2016 with degrees awarded by RCSI and the National University of Ireland. The curriculum is delivered by a team of RCSI specialist academic Leads, who liaise with RCSI Dublin on a range of academic topics.
3.0. About Perdana University

Perdana University is a Public-Private Partnership University established in the capital of Malaysia which hosts the RCSI 5-year undergraduate medical programme at the PU-RCSI School of Medicine. RCSI has licensed its curriculum to Perdana University to assist the undergraduate programme in achieving the necessary accreditation to provide medical qualifications.

The curriculum features health-promotion as well as disease prevention and treatment. Students learn to understand the influence of health and disease on the individual, family and society and how to approach clinical conditions in a broad context, appreciating the personal and social dimension as well as the biomedical basis. PU-RCSI students are exposed to a variety of clinical specialties providing them with comprehensive training in addition to enhancing their career options, both at home and abroad. Personal and professional development is a key feature throughout the curriculum and focuses strongly on skills and attitudes necessary for practice in today’s global healthcare environment.

The school delivers an outcomes-based curriculum, which adheres to the World Federation of Medical Education guidelines for quality in medical education. Each academic year comprises of two semesters. The curriculum is modularized in three cycles: Junior, Intermediate and Senior. The Faculty consists of high-calibre Leads recruited from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, working alongside other outstanding local and international academic appointees.

Graduates of medicine across all of RCSI’s campuses complete a rigorously evaluated programme that culminates in the common award of the degrees of MB ChB BAO from the RCSI and the National University of Ireland, as well as the licentiate ship diplomas LRCSI and LRCPI of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons and Physicians in Ireland respectively. Since its inception in 2011, three cohorts of PU-RCSI have successfully celebrated their graduation.

At the 3rd PU-RCSI convocation in October 2018, Prime Minister Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Philosophy Degree for Global Peace and National Reconciliation. His wife, Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah Mahamad Ali was also awarded an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy Degree for Women and Community Development.

A truly momentous occasion for PU-RCSI and the 63 graduands of the Class of 2018!
3.1. PU-RCSI Mission and Vision

The PU-RCSI School of Medicine is pleased to provide an education programme relevant to national needs in Malaysia and to global expectations in collaboration with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI).

The ethos of the PU-RCSI School of Medicine is founded on the principle that the patient’s interest is paramount in clinical teaching, medical practice and research. The objective of the PU-RCSI School of Medicine is to provide the education and experience that will enable its graduates to enter postgraduate training in the medical specialty of their choice.

The PU-RCSI School of Medicine curriculum and training equips students with the intellectual and personal attributes to enable sound clinical decision-making and judgment and to search for best evidence to guide practice. The curriculum uniquely features health-promotion as well as disease prevention and treatment. Students learn to understand the influence of health and disease on the individual, family and society and how to approach clinical conditions in a broad context, appreciating the personal and social dimension as well as the biomedical basis.

Students benefit from early clinical exposure to real patients in the GP supervised Junior Cycle patient contact programme. The PU-RCSI Intermediate and Senior Cycle clinical programmes take place in Hospital Kuala Lumpur, Hospital Tuanku Ja’afar Seremban and Hospital Putrajaya as well as in community clinics and General Practice. It includes a Community Health Fieldwork programme, which exposes students to healthcare in a rural environment and includes a short research project.

Bursaries are available for Faculty supervised research projects during summer vacation periods, including an opportunity to visit and study in Dublin. Students present their research at an annual Research Day, and exceptional students are supported in presenting at international conferences.

3.2. Facilities

Perdana University operates an interim campus facility located within a beautiful greenfield setting at the Malaysia Agro Exposition Park at the Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute Park, Serdang, Selangor, situated around 25km South of Kuala Lumpur.
Auditorium and Small Group Discussion Rooms

The campus has two large auditoria capable of accommodating 200 students each, and several others seating up to 50 students. There are also several small-group discussion rooms for formal and informal discussions, as well as generous group-study areas for self-directed and team-based study. The Auditoria and discussion rooms are well equipped with SMART Boards (interactive whiteboard system).

Clinical Skills Unit

Early introduction to clinical skills, i.e. history-taking, and physical examination is conducted in the well-equipped spacious state-of-the-art Clinical Skills Unit. Communication skills and physical examination are taught using simulated patients and manikins, including the latest SimMan 3G wireless manikin.

Anatomy Laboratory and Multidisciplinary Laboratory

Students have access to a leading-edge Anatomy laboratory. They are introduced to new technologies in medical education, including digital learning technology (e.g. Virtual Human Dissector), anatomy models and plastinated prosections.

Anatomy and Pathology Museum

The Anatomy and Pathology Museum, located next to the Anatomy and Multidisciplinary Laboratory, hosts a large collection of plastinated normal and abnormal (pathological) specimens and traditional ‘jar’ specimens available for group teaching and self-study.

Library & E-Library

The Library has a collection of around 800 relevant textbooks, and is equipped with ‘MD Consult’, ‘Access Medicine’, MEDLINE and ‘Dynamed’ databases. The E-Library is highly in demand by the students for audio and video learning, self-study, and small group meetings with access to online materials. Group study areas are provided in a student-friendly interactive and well-supported environment, with students provided with wireless connectivity across campus, the University hostel and Academic Centres adjacent to teaching hospitals. The online learning resources and our library facilities are designed to encourage independent study, and student are supported in developing efficient lifelong learning skills.

3.3. Clinical Placements

PU-RCSI students avail of teaching and learning in clinical hospital and community healthcare environments with the aim of producing medical graduates that are not only knowledgeable in the science of medicine but are also exceptionally well-trained clinicians possessed of advanced clinical skills.
An overview of the three PU-RCSI affiliated teaching hospitals is provided below:

**Hospital Kuala Lumpur**, founded in 1870, is the flagship hospital of the Malaysian Ministry of Health and one of the largest teaching hospitals in Asia. It is a government tertiary-referral hospital with 83 wards and 2,302 beds. Hospital KL stands on a 150-acre site within KL city-centre, with 54 different departments including no less than 29 clinical departments, as well as the Pharmaceutical Department, administration, finance departments training and research units.

HKL employs over 11,000 staff including around 300 medical consultants and specialists, 1,300 medical officers (post-graduate trainees), 72 matrons, 253 ward Sister/Managers, 3,500 registered nurses and 258 community nurses.

**Hospital Tuanku Ja'afar Seremban (HTJS)** is a public hospital established in 1969 located about 80 km South of Kuala Lumpur. It is the largest hospital in the state of Negeri Sembilan, of which Seremban is the capital city. HTJS is a major academic teaching hospital taking referrals from five District Hospitals and several smaller community clinics and the main 8 storey block stands on a prominent hillside site of 212 acres, with 1,070 beds in-patient beds and a large well equipped Ambulatory Care Centre. More than 20 specialties are served and there is a newly built separate Women & Children’s Hospital. The hospital also accommodates nursing students from 5 public and private colleges as well as paramedic students.

**Hospital Putrajaya** is a 461-bedded general and teaching hospital serving the Federal Territory of Putrajaya, an "Intelligent Garden City" and the federal administrative capital of Malaysia. It is located around 30km South of Kuala Lumpur, and is only 10-15 minutes by road journey from the Perdana University campus. Putrajaya Hospital is a modern hospital has 341 beds and provides second-level care and being located within the national ‘Multimedia Super Corridor’ it is managed and maintained using the Full Hospital Information System (“T.H.I.S.”). The hospital also accommodates nursing students from public and private colleges and paramedic students.

4.0. **The Curriculum**

The curriculum is divided into three cycles; Junior Cycle (JC), Intermediate Cycle (IC) and Senior Cycle (SC). Each cycle is taught over one, two or three semesters with the Senior Cycle being delivered over two years.
Teaching, Learning and Assessment

PU-RCSI employs a hybrid approach to teaching and learning, mixing traditional didactic teaching (lectures, tutorials etc.) with problem-based learning where appropriate. A variety of teaching methods are used throughout the programmes, including traditional lectures; case based learning (where a clinical case is used to illustrate or contextualise learning); small group tutorials (both staff and student directed); practicals (e.g. anatomy dissection); computer assisted learning; bedside clinical teaching; grand rounds; shadowing; observation; skills workshops; tutorials; theatre attendance and ward attendance.

Assessments take place during a module (continuous) or at the end of a module (summative) and take many forms including, multiple choice questions (MCQs), short answer written questions, Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs), practical exams, oral exams, team / individual projects and online assessments. Assessment modes are matched to the different types of learning outcomes (knowledge, skills and attitudes) for each module.

4.0. About RCSI

Established in 1784, the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) is an independent, not-for-profit, health sciences institution with a unique international perspective from its headquarters in Dublin to its presence on three continents.
Today RCSI has a wide portfolio of undergraduate and postgraduate academic and professional courses. Its undergraduate medical school is the largest in Ireland.

More than 60 countries are represented in RCSI’s international student body.

In Dublin there are over 3,000 students from approximately 50 countries, and approximately 900 staff. RCSI is based in the heart of Dublin city – a unique city centre campus in one of Europe’s capital cities.

RCSI Bahrain is a constituent university of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and was founded in 2004 under license from the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain. There are currently almost 1300 students with 38 nationalities represented in the student body from Bahrain, the other GCC countries and beyond. In Dubai, RCSI’s Institute of Leadership run Postgraduate courses in healthcare management and leadership for experienced healthcare professional staff.

Also in Malaysia, RCSI runs Penang Medical College in association with University College Dublin, since 1995. This is a ‘twinning’ model where mostly Malaysian medical students complete the first half of their training in Ireland and then return to complete their studies in Penang, to an Irish curriculum. In 2013, the College celebrated the 1,000th medical student graduating from this programme.
5.0. About Malaysia and Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia is a very exciting location in which to work and live being an extremely modern, culturally diverse, dynamic and growing country, with low living costs and a myriad of possibilities for onward travel to Asia, Australasia and the Pacific.

Perdana University is located close to the capital city of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, providing a unique working and living experience for those energised by a dynamic and culturally diverse environment with a year-round warm climate.

The cost of living is cheap compared to Europe, and it’s perfectly located for onward travel adventures. Economic air travel possibilities extend across the Asian, Australian and Pacific regions from a variety of airlines based at Kuala Lumpur International Airport particularly ‘Air Asia’, named the world’s best low-cost carrier for the last 9 successive years.

Kuala Lumpur

Kuala Lumpur, translated as ‘muddy confluence’ and commonly known as KL, was founded in 1857 and became the capital of the Federation of Malaya in 1948 and of Malaysia in 1963.

KL is a proud and diverse capital city, boasting gleaming skyscrapers, colonial architecture and a myriad of natural attractions. It is the most populous and also the only recognised ‘global city’ in Malaysia. Divided into numerous districts, KL’s main hub is called the ‘Golden Triangle’ which comprises Bukit Bintang, KLCC and Chinatown.

Kuala Lumpur is widely recognised for numerous landmarks, including the iconic Petronas Twin Towers (the world’s tallest twin-skyscrapers), Petaling Street flea market and the city’s ‘Batu Caves’ which are over 400 million years old.

Kuala Lumpur’s mélange of ethnic restaurants, assortment of modern hotels and luxury condominiums, and landscaped parks and gardens cater to a jet-setting professional class. KL is one of the leading world cities for tourism and shopping being the seventh most visited city and home to three of the world’s 10 largest shopping malls.

Forbes named Kuala Lumpur as No. 6 in its list of the 10 best cities to retire abroad, and the best in Asia, with factors including world class healthcare, affordable cost of living and widely-spoken English.
People & Population

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The largest ethnic group is the Malays (50%). There are many small indigenous groups including the Sea Dayaks (Ibans), Land Dayaks (Bidayuhs), Kadazans, Kenyahs, Melanaus and Muruts. The Malay and other indigenous groups are known as ‘Bumiputera’ (sons of the soil). Together they form 61% of the population. Chinese (24%) and Indians (7%) live mainly in urban areas on the peninsula.

Language

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Malaysia has an equatorial climate, with uniformly high temperatures and rain at all seasons. The year is divided into the seasons of the south-west and north-east monsoons. The south-west monsoon, from mid-May to September, deposits most of its moisture on the west coast of peninsular Malaysia, whereas the eastern side of the peninsular is open to the full force of the north-east monsoon, from October to March.

Annual rainfall varies geographically, ranging between 2000 mm and 2500 mm, usually falling in short, sharp late afternoon thunderstorms. The days are sunny, hot and humid with temperatures reaching 33°C (91°F) and 97% humidity. At night, temperatures fall to 24°C (75°F) although it is cooler at higher altitudes.

Culture and Religion
Malaysia is a multi-ethnic society with three main races, namely Malay, Chinese and Indian along with ethnic tribes of the indigenous people in East Malaysia (Sabah and Sarawak). Although the official religion in Malaysia is Islam, freedom of worship is guaranteed under the Constitution. Kuala Lumpur’s religious mix is richly varied, with Muslim, Tao Buddhist, Hindu and Christian communities often living and practicing side by side. The major religious celebrations of all four religions are all marked by a generous number of public holidays, with a total of 12 falling on weekdays during 2019.

Food
Malaysia is a food paradise. Having an the food choices in Malaysia can excite even typically uses a blend of spices, ginger, region has its own special or traditional

Dried seafood and spiced vegetables are ingredients.

There are places of worship all across Malaysia and Kuala Kumpur: mosques, temples and churches that anyone can frequent. Cultural influences are equally diverse, reflecting Kuala Lumpur’s history as a point of exchange between indigenous Malays and traders from the Middle East, China, India and Portugal.

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Tax: Malaysian tax is determined on a sliding scale on assuming residency status of a maximum 28% with generous personal and family allowances. RCSI offers a tax-advisory service as part of our relocation arrangements. A dual-taxation agreement means that there is no tax liability to Ireland whilst working in Malaysia. There is a service and sales tax of 6% on most purchases, similar to VAT.

Schools: The Expat Education Guide Malaysia is an informative and useful guide to primary and secondary education in Malaysia. There are many excellent international schools serving both local and expatriate communities. The International School of Kuala Lumpur (ISKL) has proved very popular with RCSI parents.

Ex-Pat Community: The Expat scene is very active in KL. The ExPat Group holds a monthly social mixer event, and there is also a very vibrant Irish society - St. Patrick’s Society of Selangor, of which many RCSI staff are members. An annual St Patrick’s Day Ball is the high-point of the Society’s annual programme, whilst Irish celebrations around the events of Christmas and Easter also prove popular. There are also many active programmes and voluntary activities to occupy ex-pat spouses and partners, although good job opportunities exist for ex-pats in Malaysia.

Housing and Entertainment: Affordable rental accommodation housing is available, mainly in the form or apartment complexes although town houses are also available. There are many sports, fitness and social clubs within Kuala Lumpur where good facilities are available for a wide range of activities. All apartment complexes include gym and pool facilities.

Travel within Malaysia: The importation of personal vehicles is prohibitively expensive. Most RCSI staff lease vehicles which includes insurance, maintenance, break-down and accident support. There is a well-developed highway system around KL, with some toll roads for which a ‘Smart-Tag’ or ‘RFID’ sensor is recommended. Public Transport is developing with the new underground MRT line and several rapid transit rail lines. A ‘Touch and Go’ smart card can be used to pay for public transport and tolls throughout Kuala Lumpur. Four KL Bus routes criss-cross the city using Express bus lanes and are free of charge.

Travel abroad: Malaysia itself provides vast riches to explore across the Peninsula and in Borneo, as well as being a well-situated hub for onward travel to Australasia and the Pacific Rim. There is an Express rail system connecting Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA), located 45km South of KL, with KL Sentral Station in just 30 minutes. The airport is efficiently organised and serves more than 100 international routes including some of the world’s longest flights to Los Angeles and Buenos Aires, and more than 40 domestic routes within Malaysia. There no direct flights from Malaysia to Ireland, but Etihad, Qatar and Emirates airlines offer several daily flight connections via the Middle-East, and Cathay Pacific via Hong Kong. Malaysia Airlines and British Airlines offer three flights daily connecting KL with Ireland via direct flights from KLIA to London Heathrow.

Additional information on relocating, living and working in Kuala Lumpur can be found on the RCSI website; http://www.rcsi.ie/international