

Doctor of Medicine

Program Code: 9911 **Tuition Fee:** \$3 500

The following information needs to be read in conjunction with the [Higher Doctorates Rules 2010](#)

Entry Requirements

To be eligible a person must:

- have a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) with the Australian National University and held that degree for not less than 5 years or
- have a similar degree of another university, approved by the Dean and held that degree for not less than 5 years; or
- in the opinion of the Dean, are otherwise qualified by reason of your eminence in learning or creative achievements;

and

- has been a full-time member of the academic staff of the University for at least 3 consecutive years; or
- otherwise has or has had a connection with the University which in the opinion of the Dean is significant.

Application Process

In determining whether to admit a person as a candidate, the Dean must, for each application, appoint a Panel comprising:

- the Dean of the ANU Medical School or his or her nominee as Chair; and
- 3 members of staff of the Australian National University who have at least good knowledge of the field of the applicant's work;

to consider whether to admit the applicant as a candidate.

The Dean may permit or require the Panel to obtain further information in relation to an application. For the purposes of making a determination, the Panel must assess whether the applicant's published work appears, *prima facie*, to be worthy of examination.

If, *prima facie*, an applicant's published work appears to be worthy of examination, the Panel must recommend to the Dean that the applicant be admitted as a candidate and that appropriate examiners be appointed.

If, *prima facie*, the applicant's published work does not appear to be worthy of examination under rule 8, the Panel may refuse the application.

An applicant who is not admitted as a candidate, or whose application is unsuccessful, may not, unless the ANU College Dean otherwise determines, reapply for 5 years after making his or her application.

Submission of works

- A candidate must submit so many copies of published works of which the candidate is author or joint author, and which are to be examined for the award of a degree.
- A candidate must not submit work in respect of which a degree has been granted in any university.
- In the case of works of which the candidate is a joint author, the candidate must submit a written statement and such supporting material as the Dean requires, indicating the portion of the work of which the candidate is the author.

Examination

The Dean must appoint not fewer than 3 examiners, of whom at least 2 must not be members of the staff of the University, to examine the submitted works.

Each examiner writes an independent report on the submitted works, in which the examiner must recommend that the candidate be granted or not be granted the degree of Doctor of Medicine. The examiners may require the candidate to attend for an oral examination at a time and place determined by the examiners.

If, after considering the examiners' reports, the Panel is of the opinion that the submitted works:

- represent a substantial, original and important contribution to the advancement of medical knowledge on a coherent theme; and
- is of sufficient merit for conferral of the award

it must recommend to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor that the candidate be granted the degree of Doctor of Medicine.