



## Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) Science (PhB) - Doctor of Medicine and Surgery Pathway Guidelines

### Introduction

The ANU provides a pathway for students who wish to study the postgraduate *Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda* (MChD), Latin for Doctor of Medicine and Surgery program. This pathway is restricted to students in the **Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) – Science (PhB)** program, where the focus of undergraduate studies is in science-related disciplines.

This pathway is not a formalised double degree, but a pathway between two separate degrees.

The pathway is open to both domestic and international students and there are identified places for both types of places.

Up to 10 domestic students from this pathway will receive an offer to the MChD program each year. These offers are awarded based upon a student's academic performance and an interview process. To ensure the school meets the government initiative of admitting students from a rural background, preference may be given to students who meet the rural background criteria.

International students are considered in addition to the 10 domestic places. The MChD program has places available for international students in each intake of the MChD program and these places will be filled from students from ANU pathway programs and the ANU direct applications process.

Students who are interested in the medicine pathway must meet the eligibility requirements.

### Pathway applications close 30 July each year.

Students who are found to have not behaved within the ANU student code of conduct will not be considered.

### Eligibility

This pathway is limited to students who are enrolled in the **Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) – Science** offered by the ANU College of Science. The PhB programs offered by other Colleges are not eligible for consideration in this pathway. Students who have completed a PhB program in a non-science-related discipline must apply to the MChD through the standard admission procedure.

### Applying to the pathway

Students who are interested in following this pathway must apply by 30 July in their final year, pre-honours, of their candidature in the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) – Science program. Students should complete and submit the Pathway Application Form (on page 3) to [students.cos@anu.edu.au](mailto:students.cos@anu.edu.au) before the application deadline of 30 July.

### Assessment and selection into the MChD

Offers to the MChD program will be based on a final weighted score derived from a student's Grade Point Average (GPA) (50%) and interview score (50%). Students must also show they are meeting the program award rules for the PhB (Hons) program. Preference may be provided to students from a rural background.

### Grade Point Average (GPA)

The student's overall GPA, at the time of offer selection.

### Admissions Interview

Satisfactory performance at the admissions interview is a requirement for eligibility. A passed interview is defined as a minimum raw interview score of 60%. Interviews are held in September each year and students should attend the interview during their final year pre-honours of the PhB program.

### PhB Program Award Rules

Satisfactory progression within the PhB (Hons) program as outlined by the program award rules.

## Offers and contingency

Up to 10 domestic students will be made conditional offers to the MChD based off their ranking position, noting that preference may be given to students from a rural background.

Successful domestic students will be offered either a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) or a Bonded Medical Place (BMP). The Bonded Medical Program is an initiative of the Australian Government which aims to provide more Australian-trained doctors in regions experiencing a shortage of medical practitioners. In line with this program, at least 29% of the total number of domestic places available in the first year of the program must be BMPs. More information about The Bonded Medical Program can be found on the [Department of Health and Aged Care](#) website.

Successful international students will be offered an International Full Fee-Paying place.

Conditional offers will be released in mid-January before students commence their honours year in the Bachelor of Philosophy Honours - Science program.

After initial acceptance of the offer, students may apply to defer commencement for 12 months with notification to the School's Student Administration Office. Students must notify their intent to defer or commence by July 30 in the year preceding their commencement year in the MChD program.

Students must meet the conditions in their offer before their offer is confirmed. Some conditions include.

- Confirm intention to commence the MChD by 30 July, the year preceding offered commencement.
- Successful completion of the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) – Science program
- Screening and Vaccination requirements

## Options if a student is not successful in receiving an offer through this pathway

Students who are not successful in receiving an offer through this pathway may still be eligible to apply to the MChD through the standard admissions process, however they must meet the minimum eligibility requirements as outlined at <https://health.anu.edu.au/study/doctor-medicine-and-surgery>

## Contact

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School of Medicine and Psychology  
ANU College of Health and Medicine

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## PhB (Hons) – MChD Pathway Application Form

This form is for current ANU students enrolled in the **Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) – Science** program within the ANU College of Science and who wish to apply for the PhB – MChD pathway.

Students must complete all details in Section 1 of this form and submit to [students.cos@anu.edu.au](mailto:students.cos@anu.edu.au) before **30 July** during their final year, before honours.

### 1. STUDENT DETAILS

Given Name/s: _____	Family Name: _____		
ANU ID: _____	Phone: _____		
Student Type: Domestic	International	Enrolment: Full time	Part Time
Program Name (current): _____	Program Code: _____		
PhB (Hons) Mentor: _____			
Anticipated date of commencement of the MChD Program: Semester 1, Year _____			
Student Signature: _____		Date: _____	
<b>Rurality</b> In line with federal government initiatives, 29% of the annual ANU intake of medical students should be of rural background. The Department of Health uses the Modified Monash Model map to measure remoteness and population size on a scale of MM1 to MM7. If you have resided in an Australian rural area, MM 2 to 7, <b>for 5 years consecutively or 10 years cumulatively</b> you may be eligible for consideration in the rural sub-quota. You can check your MM status online using the <a href="#">Health Workforce Locator</a> . (Please select Modified Monash Model – 2019 map).			
Do you identify as an applicant from a rural background? (please tick) <b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>			
If you tick YES, please ensure you attach the <a href="#">required supporting documentation</a> when submitting this form.			

### 2. ANU STAFF USE ONLY

College Administration	
Approved: Yes	No
Full Name: _____	
Signature: _____	
Date: _____	
Comments:	

School Administration	
Approved: Yes	No
Full Name: _____	
Signature: _____	
Date: _____	
Comments:	