

Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) Science – Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda (MChD)

Pathway Guidelines

Introduction

ANU provides a pathway for high achieving students who wish to study medicine after their undergraduate degree. This pathway is restricted to students in the **Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) – Science** program, where the focus of undergraduate studies is in science-related disciplines. The PhB (Hons)-MChD pathway is not a formalised double degree program, but a pathway between two separate degrees.

The PhB (Hons)-MChD pathway enables admission to the postgraduate Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda (MChD), latin for Doctor of Medicine and Surgery at ANU without completion of the Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) and the two degrees can be completed in 8 years. The pathway has a target of up to 10 students per year. Ranking will be based upon academic performance and an interview. Preference may be provided to students originating from rural areas.

Eligible Cohort

The pathway is limited to students who are enrolled in the **Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) – Science** offered jointly by the ANU College of Health and Medicine and ANU College of Science. PhB programs offered by Colleges other than the Joint Colleges of Science 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. Domestic and international students can be considered for this pathway.

Pathway enquiries

Students should initially contact the PhB (Hons) Program Coordinator: phb.science.enquiries@anu.edu.au

Admission to the pathway

PhB (Hons) students who are interested in following this pathway must apply to join the pathway in July of Year 3 of their candidature in the PhB (Hons) degree on the attached form.

Acceptance into the pathway is conditional on:

- Satisfactory progression within the PhB (Hons) program by meeting and maintaining the academic requirements.
- Successful completion of an Advanced Studies Course (ASC) in an area of medical research.
- Satisfactory* performance at the Medical School admissions interview. Admissions interviews are held at the ANU Medical School in September each year and students may attend the interview in Year 3 of the PhB (Hons) program.

**A satisfactory interview is determined by the criteria applied in the year in which the applicant undertakes the interview. The Medical School Admissions Office will advise the student on the outcome of the interview.*

All domestic students in the PhB (Hons)-MChD pathway will be offered a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) on commencement in the MChD program. All international students in the PhB (Hons)-MChD will be offered an International Fee-Paying place on commencement in the MChD program.

If a student does not meet the requirements to be offered a place in the MChD through this pathway they may still be eligible to apply through the standard application process. Domestic students may apply via the Graduate Entry Medical School Admissions System (GEMSAS) and international students can apply directly to the ANU. Students will be required to meet the standard entry requirements as detailed at www.medicalschool@anu.edu.au to be considered.

PhB (Hons) – MChD Pathway Application Form

This form is for current ANU students enrolled in the **Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) – Science** program within the College of Health and Medicine and 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 the PhB (Hons) Program Coordinator: phb.science.enquiries@anu.edu.au by July of the third year in their PhB (Hons) Program.
- All correspondence with students will be via student email address only.

1. STUDENT DETAILS

Given Name: _____ 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: _____

2. OFFICE USE ONLY

PhB (Hons) Program Coordinator

ASC (Medical Research): Yes No

Eligible: Yes No

Full Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Comments:

ANU Medical School

Approved: Yes No

Full Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Comments: