Doctor of Medicine (Research)

1   Definitions

In these rules –

pre-2013MD student means a student who first enrolled in the MD program before 1 January 2013.

executive dean means the executive dean in the faculty of health sciences, or delegate.

2   Application for enrolment

A written enrolment application must be submitted to the executive dean together with —

(a)   the applicant's curriculum vitae including details of research history and publication record;

(b)   an overview of the material to be submitted for the award; and

(c)   a statement explaining how the material to be submitted demonstrates the applicant's contribution to the advancement of medical knowledge on a coherent theme.

3   Eligibility for enrolment

To enrol, the applicant must –

(a)   (i)   be a graduate of –

    (A)   7 years standing holding a MBBS from this University; or

    (B)   3 years standing holding a master of philosophy or master of medical science from this University; or

  (ii)   hold a doctor of philosophy from this University in the medical field; or

  (iii)   (A) be a graduate of 7 years standing in an approved degree; and

    (B)   have a substantial connection with the University; and

(b)   satisfy the executive dean that the proposed material is reasonably capable of satisfying the examiners.

4   Higher doctorate committee

The executive dean may appoint a committee of eminent researchers to advise on matters relating to enrolment, nomination of examiners and recommendations on higher doctoral awards.

5   Duration of enrolment

An applicant must —

(a)   enrol for the award immediately on receiving confirmation of acceptance;

(b)   maintain continuous enrolment during the program; and

(c)   be enrolled for 6 months.

6   Submission of material

(1)   A student must submit published works as evidence of scholarship and achievement. The material submitted must contain a summary dealing with the historical background

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and relevance of the research. It must constitute a substantial, original and important contribution to the advancement of knowledge in a field of medicine.

(2) All the material must be published by the date of submission.

(3) If the executive dean agrees, a student may submit material not mentioned in the enrolment application.

(4) The student must be primarily responsible for the major part of the material.

(5) The student must submit to the executive dean 4 copies of the material, including–

   (a) a title defining the field;

   (b) an abstract of up to 700 words;

   (c) a signed statement by the student –

      (i) that the material has not be submitted for another award at this University or elsewhere;

      (ii) in the case of joint publications, indicating the extent of the student's contribution; and

      (iii) indicating any part of the material which is not the student's sole work;

   (d) an indexed list of contents;

   (e) an introduction describing the coherence and significance of the examinable materials;

   (f) any acknowledgements; and

   (g) published papers included in the material.

7   Examination of material

(1) The executive dean must appoint 3 examiners to report on the material. No examiner may be a staff member of this University.

(2) The examiners must report to the executive dean whether in their opinion the material represents a substantial, original and important contribution to the advancement of medical knowledge on a coherent theme and, if so, whether it is of sufficient merit for conferral of the award.

(3) The examiners may consult with one another but each must report separately.

(4) An examiner may question a student in writing through the executive dean on any aspect of the material that the examiner believes requires clarification. The executive dean must send a copy of the question and answer to each examiner.

(5) After considering the examiners' reports, the executive dean may recommend the conferral of the award.

8   Transitional

A pre-2013 MD student who satisfies the program requirements may be conferred the award of MD or DMed(Res).