1 Definitions
In these rules—

- *dean* means the dean of the graduate school;
- *associate dean (research)* means the associate dean (research) for the Faculty of Medicine and the academic staff member responsible for disciplinary endorsement and monitoring of the program;
- *FTE* means full time equivalent.

2 Minimum requirements for consideration for entry
To be admitted as a candidate, the applicant must—

(a) hold an approved degree in medicine; and
(b) have completed 2 years of graduate clinical experience; and
(c) satisfy the associate dean (research) and the dean that the applicant is qualified for admission; and
(d) hold current registration with the Medical Board of Australia; and
(e) hold and maintain a current clinical appointment.

3 Candidature, enrolment and progression
(1) To complete the program, a candidate must complete 48 units comprising—

(a) RSCH8000 each research quarter; or
(b) RSCH8001 each research quarter.

(2) For subrule (1) a candidate may undertake additional coursework on approval of the dean.

(3) A candidate must complete additional concurrent leadership development requirements as approved by the dean.

(4) Enrolment is in research quarters and commencement in a research quarter is fixed to a specific period.

(5) Unless otherwise approved by the dean, a candidate must pursue the program without interruption from the first enrolment date to the completion of all program requirements.

(6) A candidate may undertake the program on a full-time or part-time basis, as approved by the dean.

(7) Progress will be monitored by the following:

(a) 3 months (early checkpoint with the associate dean (research) and advisors).
(b) the following 3 milestones: 12 months FTE (confirmation); 24 months FTE (mid-candidature review) and 32 months FTE (thesis review).
(c) Submission of the final written work and the ePortfolio of their leadership development should take place within 3 months of the thesis review milestone.
(d) The program requirements will be met by successful examination of the final written work, the ePortfolio, and an oral examination (i.e. seminar-based presentation to a review panel), due in the final research quarter of enrolment.
(e) The final written work can comprise a standard thesis of 40,000 words or an alternative format (e.g., a document based around one or more publications with additional background, methods and discussion).

(8) Candidates are eligible to apply for up to two extensions of 3 months (FTE) each during the program.
4 Termination of enrolment
The dean may terminate a candidate’s enrolment in accordance with PPL 4.60.11 *Higher Degree by Research Candidature.*