

## Doctor of Medicine (Research)

### 1 Definitions

In these rules –

*pre-2013 MD 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

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).