

# Master of Medicine (by Research)

## FACULTY OF MEDICINE, DENTISTRY AND HEALTH SCIENCES



The degree of Master of Medicine comprises two parts. Some candidates may proceed directly to Part II if given credit for Part I. Part I may be undertaken by coursework only. Part II may be undertaken by research and thesis or by coursework and a minor research project. Course details are as follows:

*Exemption from Part I:*

Applicants may be granted exemption from Part I of the examination for the Degree of Master of Medicine if they have passed a comparable examination offered in a relevant discipline by an approved body. The following have been approved to date as exemptions for the purpose of proceeding straight to Part II candidature and other relevant experience or examinations may also be approved for this purpose from time to time:

- Australian College of Dermatologists (Part I, FACD)
- Royal Australasian College of Physicians (FRACP Examination)
- A Royal College of Physicians of the United Kingdom (MRCP)
- University of Singapore (Master of Medicine)
- Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (Part I, FRACS)
- Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (FRACGP)  
- for Part II Primary Medical Care
- Royal Australasian College of Radiologists (Part I, FRACR)  
- for Part II Radiology
- Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (Part 1 FANZCA)  
- for Part II Anaesthetics by research
- Royal College of Pathologists of Australia (Part I, FRCPA)  
- for Part II Haematology
- Royal College of Pathologists (U.K.) (MRC Path)  
- for Part II Haematology
- Royal Australian College of Ophthalmologists (Part I, FRACO)  
- for Part II Ophthalmology
- Holders of the Faculty's Graduate Diploma in Women's Health  
- for Part II Women's Health

### **PART II - BY RESEARCH**

*Application Procedure:*

Applicants should consult with the relevant Head of Department for the discipline concerned and submit to the Faculty, through the department, a proposal for approval by the Faculty's Standing Committee on Graduate Studies. The proposal should set out the topic of the research, arrangements for supervision, whether the candidate will be full or part-time, and contain a statement that adequate facilities and resources are available. Applicants who are not graduates of The University of Melbourne, and who are claiming an exemption from Part I should also attach a curriculum vitae together with original or certified documentary evidence of their basic medical qualification and part I fellowship of one of the approved Colleges of Medicine or other evidence to support the part I exemption.

*Duration:*

1 year full-time or equivalent part-time. (Full-time candidature only is available to international students).

Fees	<p><b>Full or part-time local students:</b> <a href="#">Research Training Scheme</a>.</p> <p><b>International students:</b> Please refer to the University's Admissions Website for detailed information on fees and how they are calculated:  <a href="http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/courses/fees.html">http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/courses/fees.html</a></p>
<i>Admission Requirements:</i>	<p>An approved MBBS degree or recognised equivalent of at least two years' standing and not less than two years' experience as a medical officer in a hospital affiliated to an appropriate university for the purposes of teaching.</p> <p>Successful completion of Part I or has been granted exemption from Part I.</p> <p>Has been approved for admission by the Faculty.</p>
<i>Course Details:</i>	<p>An approved program of not less than one year full-time research (or equivalent part-time) on a specific aspect of medicine will be undertaken by candidates.</p>
<i>Assessment:</i>	<p>Examination of a thesis embodying observations made by the candidate and including a critical review of the literature in the relevant field.</p> <p>The thesis for the degree of Master of Medicine will ordinarily represent the equivalent of not less than one year full-time research and, except with the special permission of the Standing Committee on Graduate Studies of the Faculty, is to be submitted not later than 12 months following completion of the research. The thesis should normally be 30,000 - 40,000 words in length excluding tables, illustrations and bibliography.</p> <p>The thesis should contain a preface stating the extent to which the candidate is reporting work to which others have contributed. A candidate may not present in the thesis work for which a degree has been conferred in this or another university.</p> <p>Where it is appropriate, an applicant for enrolment as a higher degree candidate or an applicant submitting a thesis for examination must submit evidence to the satisfaction of the Faculty that all ethical requirements associated with the research have been approved by the appropriate body of the institution or institutions involved.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the above, a candidate who fulfils all the other requirements of Regulation 3.6 and has completed a period of not less than twelve months of appropriately supervised research undertaken full-time (or a period which is deemed by the Faculty to be its equivalent if undertaken part-time) may seek approval of such research experience and may submit for examination a thesis for the degree of Master of Medicine. The candidate may be a MBBS graduate of The University of Melbourne or a graduate with an equivalent degree from another approved institution with an association with this University approved by Faculty of not less than one year.</p>
<i>More information:</i>	<p>More information on the degree may be found on the School of Medicine website: <a href="http://www.medicine.unimelb.edu.au/future/rhd.html">http://www.medicine.unimelb.edu.au/future/rhd.html</a> . More information about how to apply for entry, information about other programs, about the University or the student experience at Melbourne, can be found on the Future Students website: <a href="http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/grad/">http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/grad/</a> .</p>

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF MEDICINE**

Candidates are required, before being admitted to the degree, to be medical graduates of not less than five years standing, and to have devoted at least three years since graduating to the practice and study relevant to the discipline to which Part II of the examination pertains.

The Associate Dean, Postgraduate Studies shall approve, where appropriate, on behalf of Faculty, evidence submitted relating to the requirement of three years relevant experience. It will inform the candidate and the Faculty of the time at which the candidate will be eligible for admission to the degree of Master of Medicine.