



# PATHWAYS TO MEDICINE



## Key facts

- 4 years full time
- January intake only
- #1 in Australia for graduate employability

The *Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda* (MChD), Latin for Doctor of Medicine and Surgery, is a comprehensive and varied program for graduate students looking to enter the rewarding field of medicine. It aims to produce graduates who are committed to compassionate, ethical health care and the expansion of medical knowledge.

Students in the MChD study medical sciences, clinical skills, population health, professionalism and leadership, and also explore the social foundations of medicine, develop an understanding of Indigenous health in Australia, and gain insights and experience in health care in rural or remote Australia.

## Pathways to MChD

There are three pathways available at ANU for direct admission to the MChD program that do not require completion of the GAMSAT (Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test).

### Bachelor of Health Science

At the end of the second year in the ANU Bachelor of Health Science, up to 30 students will receive a conditional offer of entry to the MChD, contingent upon their GPA, an application statement, an interview process and pending successful completion of the three year Bachelor of Health Science. Up to ten of the 30 places are reserved for students from a rural background. There are also places reserved for applicants who are of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

Admission requirements to entry in MChD:

The minimum weighted GPA: Yes    Admission interview: Yes    Application statement: Yes

Learn more about the program: [health.anu.edu.au/study/bachelors/bachelor-health-science](https://health.anu.edu.au/study/bachelors/bachelor-health-science)

## Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) - Science

Each year, ten places are reserved in our MChD program for students who successfully graduate from the ANU Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) - Science, and meet the academic and interview requirements.

Admission requirements to entry in MChD:

The minimum weighted GPA: Yes    Admission interview: Yes    Application statement: Yes

Learn more about the program: [science.anu.edu.au/study/bachelors/bachelor-philosophy-honours](https://science.anu.edu.au/study/bachelors/bachelor-philosophy-honours)

## Tuckwell Scholarship

The Tuckwell Scholarship to Medicine Pathway (Tuckwell-MChD pathway) is limited to successful applicants at the Tuckwell selection interviews. Students are required to have declared upfront an interest in studying medicine in all three stages of the Tuckwell application process. Completion of an undergraduate degree at the ANU is mandatory prior to commencing the MChD.

Scholars in the Tuckwell-MChD pathway apply directly to ANU and do not have to complete the GAMSAT or undertake an additional interview prior to entering the MChD program.

More information can be found at [tuckwell.anu.edu.au](https://tuckwell.anu.edu.au)

## Standard admissions process

If you don't get an offer to the MChD through one of the above-mentioned Pathway Programs, you may still be eligible to apply through the standard admissions process as shown below. Students would be required to sit the GAMSAT and apply through GEMSAS.

### What is the GAMSAT?

The GAMSAT (Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test) is an exam designed to assess the capacity to undertake high-level studies in medical and health professional programs. The GAMSAT evaluates skills and abilities gained during undergraduate study. Specifically, mastery of basic science concepts, problem solving, critical thinking and writing.

Applicants applying for the MChD must have:

- A Bachelor degree, or be in the final year of a Bachelor degree; and a
- The Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) result or the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) result (Note: MCAT results are accepted for international applicants only).
- Met ANU English language requirements for admission.

Applicants meeting the requirements, will be ranked and considered for an interview based on a composite score derived from the weighted grade point average (GPA) and overall GAMSAT or MCAT score.

Offers for a place in the MChD program are based on a total combined score derived from the interview score and the composite GPA/GAMSAT or GPA/MCAT score used for the interview ranking.

Detailed information on the program and the admissions process is available in the [ANU study Medicine booklet](#).

## Further information

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