COURSE REGULATIONS
RESEARCH OFFICE

DOCTOR OF MEDICAL SCIENCE
DMedSc

COURSE CODE: 6903

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RESEARCH OFFICE

1. These Course Regulations apply to all students who are enrolled in this Award on the Sydney Campus.
2. The Pro Vice Chancellor-Research is the responsible Executive of these Course Regulations.
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1 INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Introduction
These Course Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the Doctor of Medical Science at The University of Notre Dame Australia.

These Regulations should be read in conjunction with the University’s General Regulations and the Research Degree Regulations.

1.2 Interpretation
The terms included in these Regulations have the meanings as defined in the University's General Regulations and the Research Degree Regulations.

1.3 Amendments made to Course Regulations
Unless otherwise specified, when amendments are made to the structure, content or academic requirements of the Doctor of Medical Science Award, the amendments will automatically apply in accordance with General Regulation Section 1.7.

1.4 Applicability to Campuses of the University
The Doctor of Medical Science Award is available on the Sydney Campus only.

1.5 The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)
The Doctor of Medical Science Award is a level 10 AQF qualification.
2 ENTRY CRITERIA

2.1 General Criteria
The standard entry requirements for admission are detailed in the University’s General Regulations and the Research Degree Regulations.

2.2 Additional Entry Requirements / Pre-Requisites
2.2.1 The Pro Vice Chancellor-Research, on the advice of the Dean of the School, determines admission to the Doctor of Medical Science Award.

2.2.2 Applicants to the Doctor of Medical Science Award are expected to satisfy the following criteria:

2.2.2.1 Possession of the degree of Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) from the University of Notre Dame Australia; or
2.2.2.2 an equivalent degree qualifying them as a medical practitioner.

2.2.3 In addition to the academic criteria listed in 2.2.2, applicants are normally expected to satisfy the following:

(a) have been a graduate of the University of Notre Dame Australia (or an equivalent institution) of at least five years standing before the degree of Doctor of Medical Science can be awarded;

(b) to have published a body of work that:
   i. represents a significant advance in knowledge in the given field; or
   ii. has given rise to significant debate amongst recognised scholars in the given field; or
   iii. has directly changed the direction of research or practice in a newer generation of scholars in the given field.

2.3 External Accreditation Requirements
There are no external accreditation requirements applicable to this Award.
3 AWARD REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Structure
For the Doctor of Medical Science Award Structure, refer to Appendix A.

The Doctor of Medical Science degree is based on the examination of a portfolio comprised of selected key published works by the candidate, bound with an original unifying paper synthesising the results contained in the individual papers.
The portfolio should be submitted at the time of enrolment in the course.
The student will be enrolled in one part-time unit of supervised research for administrative purposes, and be charged such fees as from time to time are deemed appropriate.

3.1.1 Compulsory Units
Supervised Research - Medicine (SR6906).

3.1.2 Elective Units
There are no Electives within this Award.

3.1.3 Majors and Double Majors
There are no Majors or Double Majors available in this Award.

3.1.4 Minors
There are no Minors available in this Award.

3.1.5 Specialisations
There are no Specialisations permitted in this Award.

3.1.6 Special Interest Units
There are no Special Interest Units available in this Award.

3.2 Special Award Requirements
There are no special award requirements in the Doctor of Medical Science.

3.3 Practicum or Internship requirements
There are no Practicum or Internship requirements in this Award.

3.4 Approved unit substitutions
There are no approved unit substitutions permitted in this Award.

3.5 Alternative Pathways
There are no alternative pathways for this award.

3.6 Volume of Learning

3.6.1 Standard Duration
The student will be enrolled in one part-time unit of supervised research for administrative purposes.

3.6.2 Accelerated Duration
An accelerated mode is not available for the Doctor of Medical Science Award.
3.6.3 **Maximum Duration**  
The candidate must submit the portfolio of work within six months of enrolment.

3.7 **Concurrent Study**  
Concurrent study is not permitted within this Award.

3.8 **Thesis**  
(a) The thesis (portfolio) examined will consist of selected key published works by the candidate, bound with an original unifying paper synthesising the results contained in the individual papers.
(b) There is no set requirement for the number of published works to be included in the thesis; the thesis should be examined in terms of indicators of quality as outlined in 2.3, rather than quantity.
(c) All published works included in the thesis must not previously have been submitted as part of an award at this or any other University.

3.9 **Graduation**  
In order for a candidate to graduate with the Doctor of Medical Science, a candidate must receive a pass on the submitted thesis, which will be examined according to procedures for thesis examination outlined in the Research Degree Regulations.

3.10 **Exit Awards**  
An Exit Award pathway is not available for this Award.

3.11 **Honours**  
The Doctor of Medical Science is not offered with Honours.

**END OF REGULATIONS**
APPENDIX A: Indicative Award Structure: Doctor of Medical Science

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**Credit Point Total for Y1 S1** 50

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**Total Credit Points Year One** 50