This document provides general admission information for potential Higher Degree by Research (HDR) candidates wishing to undertake one of the following degrees at the Faculty of Health Sciences:

Master of Applied Science (MAppSc)

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

**HOW TO APPLY**

These are the steps you need to take to be considered for admission to candidature for a HDR in the Faculty of Health Sciences. Please read the steps carefully before submitting your online application.

**Step 1: Make Your Own Assessment of Your Qualifications for Admission**

**Academic requirements**

The minimum admission requirements to the Master of Applied Science degree are:

A Master’s degree by coursework or research or a Bachelor’s degree or a qualification equivalent to a Bachelor’s degree.

The minimum admission requirements to the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree are:

A Master’s degree by research or higher level degree or a Masters by coursework including a research component equivalent to 25% of 1 year’s f-full time enrolment or a Bachelor’s degree with first or second class honours.

Please note: for PhD applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements stated above, the Faculty may recommend you to enrol in a master’s by research degree (if you meet the admission requirements), with the possibility of an upgrade to the PhD after completion of at least 1 year full time equivalent study and demonstrated satisfactory progress in the master’s degree.

**Step 2: Identify an Appropriate Supervisor and work with them to prepare your Research Proposal**

Ensure that you have a clear idea of what topic area you want to research during your candidature.

Search for a supervisor under your preferred research area through the Research Supervisor Connect at sydney.edu.au/research/opportunities. The system will allow you to submit an enquiry and provide contact details for potential supervisors to discuss your research.

Prepare a 500-1000 word research proposal to submit with your application for admission to candidature. Please note that admission to a research degree is competitive and consideration of your research proposal will form part of the assessment of your application.

**Step 3: Consider Your Attendance Pattern and the Location of Your Candidature**

Attendance pattern: You may carry out your candidature on a full-time or part-time basis. In general if you plan to devote a minimum of 35-40 hours a week to candidature, this would be considered full-time. Part-time candidature requires a commitment of at least 10-20 hours a week, and provides a longer period of time in which to complete your degree, but it is worth noting that it also has an impact on your ability to obtain concessions and many scholarships.
Location: You may either pursue your research:

On-campus (for candidates residing within the Sydney metropolitan area including Wollongong and Newcastle and international students); or

Off-campus (within and outside Australia) in an approved institution/professional environment with adequate facilities, subject to the approval of the Faculty. You may not be in regular physical attendance at the University, but there must be a mutually agreed arrangement for supervision. Please discuss this carefully with your potential supervisor.

If you wish to pursue your candidature off-campus, you are required to provide a written off-campus plan that includes the following:

- Timetable of research for 1st year.
- Statement of how often and when you are going to meet with your supervisors.
- When you plan to be on campus.

Please note if you wish to pursue your candidature off-campus (within or outside Australia), you must complete an equivalent of at least two semesters of candidature for PhD, and one semester for a master’s by research within the University prior to submitting your thesis for examination. This period may be taken at any time during the candidature either continuously or in non-consecutive periods.

Step 4: Submitting Your Application

Once you have secured a supervisor and finalized your research proposal, you’re ready to submit your application. All applications for higher degrees by research are lodged online:

Doctor of Philosophy
sydney.edu.au/courses/Doctor-of-Philosophy-Health-Sciences

Master of Applied Science
sydney.edu.au/courses/Master-of-Applied-Science-Research

Please refer to these links for details of the documents you are required to upload in support of your application and details about the English language proficiency requirements. The links also give the closing dates for applications, potential commencement dates and additional course information.