

About Us

The Doctor of Philosophy in Health Research degree, providing foundational course program is an alternative track to acquiring a doctorate work focused on research and devoting more time to research proposal writing, implementation, publication, and presentation. This contrasts the traditional coursework-dissertation track of the Doctor of Philosophy program, which requires 50-60 units of course work followed by dissertation proposal, implementation, publication, and presentation.

The Doctor of Philosophy for Health Research is a doctorate program to be offered using blended learning and is operationalized under the UST Graduate School in collaboration with the International Centre for Allied Health Evidence of the University of South Australia.

Research supervision is by local faculty members as content experts and international faculty members as method experts. Full-time students can finish the program in 3 academic years.

For inquiries, please contact:
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Funding

Full Scholarships, which include tuition fees, stipends, research grants, and dissemination fees, are given by the Philippine Council for Health Research and the Department of Science Technology-Science Education Institute.



Doctor of Philosophy
in
Health Research
(by Research)

Course Curriculum

Year 1

3 core subjects

Quantitative Research (3 units)

Qualitative Research (3 units)

Clinical Practice Guidelines and

Performance Review (3 units)

Bridging courses

Advance Multivariate Statistics (3 units)

Advanced Technical Writing (3 units)

Preliminary Research Project (6 units):

which could be a systematic review or reliability studies

Research Proposal (3 units)

Presentation of Research Proposal at the beginning of the second term of Year 1

Application for Ethics Approval of Research Project

Year 2

Research Implementation, Presentation and Publication (12 Units)

One research publication

Mid-Candidature Review: Its purpose is for the student to show that he/she is undertaking high quality research and is done in a timely manner

Year 3

Research Implementation, Presentation and Publication (12 Units)

Two (2) research publications

Dissertation Defense

Submission of Written Dissertation

Admission Requirements

Have completed a Bachelor's degree in any health discipline and a Master's degree with a thesis component or a Medical Degree

For the non-medical applicants, a general weighted average not lower than 1.35 (92%) or A- in the master's program may be admitted to a Ph.D. program. For the medical applicants, a general weighted average not lower than 85%

The submission of the following documents:

Accomplished Application form

Application Fee of Php 400

Certified true copy of Transcripts of Records

Referral forms from immediate supervisors, deans, or professors

Documents attesting to passing a bar/board examination or being a scholar of an agency

Certificate of Good Moral Character (GMC)

Soft copy of defended master's thesis

Soft copy of published journal article/s

Research Proposal

Endorsement letter from the Dean and Faculty Council from the affiliated college of the applicant

**Submit all requirements and copy of application fee payment transaction via email to :
graduate-school.admission@ust.edu.ph**

Deadline for submission of requirements: May 31, 2025

Admission Requirements

An entrance examination composed of an IQ test, psychological test, essay composition. *(To be scheduled after preliminary screening of documents. Entrance Exam Fee is Php 600).*

Have published at least one paper as the primary author from his/her master's thesis or residency program or as a professional in a reputable, peer-reviewed national or international journal

Research proposal composed of 1000 words

1. Title of proposed research project (max of 20 words)
2. Overall proposed research question (max of 50 words)
3. Aims of the proposed research (max of 100 words)
4. Short background why the proposed research must be undertaken (max of 300 words)
5. Methodology or plan of action (incl analysis) (max of 350 words)
6. Significance of the proposed research (max of 150 words)
7. Five key references relevant to your proposed research
8. Explain how your previous research equips you to undertake the proposed research (max of 150 words)
9. List of publications
10. Provide relevant employment, work experience, society or organization membership details to support your application (max of 1 page)
11. Proposed supervisor and note if supervisor has agreed to supervise you
12. Area where research will be conducted and information regarding feasibility of undertaking the research in this site (affiliation, collaboration, etc)