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Choosing a university that is the right fit is a big deal and important for you and your future. Your experience at a university will remain a life-long memory, and we hope this guide will help you make your choice.

The ANU offers a unique environment that our students love. Not only are we a world-leading university, but excellence is embedded in our approach to education and research. Our teaching staff include award winning and internationally recognised educators and researchers.

We have a strong focus on providing a superior student experience, including on-campus residential living, an inclusive student community, hosting community events, and supporting students academically and in their every-day life.

Our beautiful campus and surrounding areas are the best that regional Australia has to offer. It’s an easy commute within Canberra and there are opportunities for outdoor activities such as mountain biking, skiing, sailing, rowing and hiking. There are multiple cultural experiences in music and other arts at the many museums, galleries and music venues. Beyond Canberra city, there are rural experiences awaiting you, such as rodeos and country exhibitions. It is also only a short drive to the beautiful South Coast. Canberra is Australia’s best kept secret.

The Doctor of Medicine and Surgery program offers an inclusive environment with students coming from diverse backgrounds and with varying life experiences. We welcome students from all over Australia and internationally.

You’ll meet like-minded people and will develop friendships that will last a lifetime. We accept only a small cohort of students each year, which means that your learning will be supported and nurtured by our staff, teachers and your peers.

We have built strong partnerships with hospitals in Canberra, Sydney and rural locations and general practices, such as Goulburn, at the South Coast and in the Northern Territory to ensure your clinical training is second to none. You will have opportunities to learn from renowned researchers, and experience health care in the community, as well as in a variety of hospitals.

You will learn first-hand what the university and the health system have to offer and where you can make a difference in the future. You’ll be taught and mentored by experienced academics and health staff who will see you as an integral part of the team. As your skills and knowledge develop, your contribution will positively impact on the health of communities and improve peoples’ lives.

We wish you the best of luck as you begin your journey to becoming a doctor and hope to welcome you to the ANU soon.

Professor Zsuzsoka Kecskes
Director, ANU Medical School
Why study at ANU?

The right choice

Excellence in education

The best thing about the ANU Medical School is also the most important thing. Our teachers. They are inspiring, award-winning and deliver results: dedicated doctors of the highest standard. That could be you.

A personal learning environment

Our class sizes are among the smallest of any medical school in Australia, meaning our expert teaching staff are accessible to you when you need them, which at some point, you will.

A supportive clinical experience

Because we’re the only medical school in Canberra, you’ll find familiar faces — your teachers, and students from the years ahead of you — in every hospital corridor, ready to show you the ropes.

A community of your own

We have a vibrant postgraduate student body many of whom have moved to Canberra just for ANU, and are looking for new friends and new adventures. It’s not just a campus, it’s a community.

A world-class degree

An ANU degree says something. It says you’re a graduate from one of the world’s great universities, and the very best in Australia (QS World University Rankings, 2022). A medical degree opens doors, but one from ANU opens even more.

“I came to Australia from Botswana, and as an international student I feel so welcome here. Everyone is open to making new friends and supporting each other.”

— Gautam Bhanot, MChD graduate
Why Canberra?

Where you want to be

Better than anywhere else — seriously

What could be better than living in the world’s ‘most liveable city’ as chosen by the OECD? Having the winners of the Australian barista championships a short walk from campus.

The international capital

The numbers speak for themselves: ANU is ranked the 10th most international uni in the world (The Times Higher Education World University Rankings) and one quarter of Canberra’s population was born overseas.

Safe and sound

Canberra has all the advantages of a capital city, like national institutions and amenities, but without the daily grind of crowds and commutes. It’s also one of the safest cities in the world. Life is easy here.

We know what they said about us

But in fact we have more students per capita than any Australian city and we’re actually one of the best student cities in the world (QS Best Student Cities, 2022). Trust the data.

“I did my undergrad in Canberra and for a little while I thought about going to another city for my medical degree, but I’m so glad I didn’t. The vibe in Canberra is so different to anywhere else. I ride my bike everywhere and I have a lot of freedom and independence. It’s such a tight-knit community too. Compared to other places, there’s just no drama.”

— Hillary McArthur, MChD Graduate
Your ANU experience

Your campus life

Your new home

ANU has village-style accommodation dedicated to postgraduate students, and just a short walk or bike ride from the Medical School. Choose from a studio flat or a one-, three- or five-bedroom apartment.

Commute? What commute?

Even if you’re not living on campus, Canberra has the shortest commute time of any Australian capital city. It’s almost like you literally have more hours in your day, when you’re not on a train for half of it.

Find your people

Our SET4ANU program connects you with likeminded students as soon as you arrive on campus. As most ANU students are actually postgrads just like you, your social life will soon be SET4LIFE.

Get extra-curricular

We promise you will have free time. Escape the textbooks and get on stage at the annual Med Revue, join the editorial board of the Medical Students Journal of Australia, or go bush with ANU Rural Medical Society.

“It’s so great living here. The areas around campus are so, so beautiful, and it’s a great studying environment. When I first arrived here, I couldn’t cook. I even gave myself food poisoning once! But now I’ve got actual life skills as well as half a medical degree, and I’ve made so many more new friends than if I just stayed at home in Sydney.”

— Jacqueline Chen, MChD student
This is Dr Simon Robertson, a doctor on the crew of the Toll Rescue Helicopter Service. He is also Senior Lecturer in Intensive Care, Anaesthesia and Retrieval Medicine at the ANU Medical School. We could tell you he’s an inspiration, but you’d be better off listening to his students and colleagues:

“Simon has the smoothest, calmest, most compassionate demeanour when dealing with anxious children and their families. It’s like a freaking magic trick: watch carefully and you still can’t see how he does it.”

“If there are any medical students or junior doctors out there looking for someone to model themselves upon — you can stop.”

“Whenever I watch Dr Robertson interact with patients and families, I am in complete awe!”

“One of the finest docs I know. I learned a lot from him.”

Your teachers should be your heroes, and at ANU, they will be.

“When we get a call dispatching us to an emergency, we have ten minutes to get the helicopter in the air. We don’t even find out the condition of the patient until we’re in flight. We just shut up and go.”

— Dr Simon Robertson
Your opportunities

You can make an impact

Rural placement

The award-winning ANU Rural Program offers rural opportunities throughout the course. During your six-week placement in South East NSW, you will develop an understanding of the challenges unique to rural medicine through first-hand experience and engagement with the local community.

Rural Stream

In the Rural Stream, you spend a year living and working in a rural town, well supported by local academics and clinicians. You will follow an integrated, patient-based, longitudinal study program, combining medicine, surgery, and community and child health. You will contribute to the rural community through our strong partnerships with general practices, local hospitals and community services.

Indigenous health

Our whole-of-curriculum perspective on Indigenous health is complemented by the Indigenous Health Stream. You will be supported to undertake your research project in Indigenous Health, participate in cultural immersion trips and clinical placements in Indigenous communities, as well as working with the community and Indigenous healthservice providers.

International opportunities

Our students have had life-changing experiences during elective terms in international locations: anywhere from a clinic in the remote Scottish Highlands to a bustling hospital in a Chinese metropolis.

“The opportunities to be elbow deep in making a difference are plentiful. You get to examine patients; help decide what investigations to order and what management plans to enact. You may follow up results, call specialists for consults, meet with allied health, and facilitate discharge planning.” — Jason El Brihi, MChD Rural Stream student
Your medical degree

The Doctor of Medicine and Surgery / Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda (MChD) program is a comprehensive and varied four-year post graduate program for students looking to enter the rewarding field of medicine as professional medical practitioners. Our training produces graduates who are committed to compassionate, ethical healthcare and the expansion of medical knowledge.

What do you study?

The MChD is underpinned by four themes:

• **Medical sciences** covers a vast scope of ever-changing and expanding knowledge that forms the basis of modern medicine.

• **Clinical skills** ensures the acquisition of knowledge is accompanied by communication skills, the ability to examine patients and critically appraise information.

• **Population health** addresses the relationship between humans, their society and environment.

• **Professionalism and leadership** develops these vital skills of a good doctor.

The curriculum is built on important frameworks that explore the social foundations of medicine, develop understanding of the indigenous health context in Australia, and provide insights and experience in health care in rural and/or remote Australian settings. Consistent with the research-intensive nature of ANU, our program also develops the research skills of our students.
What can you expect?

Years one and two
During the first two years of the course, the curriculum is built around problem based learning (PBL) tutorials. PBL sessions are designed to promote creative and analytical thinking through both cooperative and self-directed learning.

Each week, students are presented with a PBL case study, working through hypotheses and diagnoses in a scientific manner. The PBL sessions are supported by lectures, practical tutorials and a weekly clinical day in one of Canberra's hospitals. All learning resources are easily accessed through the student-staff web interface, Wattle.

During each of the first two years, students also spend one week in a rural location around Canberra and the south-east region of NSW. In second year, rural week focuses on Indigenous health. Students also conduct a research project during this time, expanding their knowledge and research skills through collaboration with the world class research teams here at ANU.

Years three and four
From the end of the second year, students spend almost all of their contact hours in the health sector.

During this time, they are immersed in all the major medical disciplines through rotations of four or more weeks.

The ANU Medical School Canberra Hospital campus is the principal teaching location. Its facilities are complemented by those of Calvary Public Hospital, Calvary John James Hospital, Calvary Private Hospital and National Capital Private Hospital. During third year, students again venture into the rural clinical realm, this time for six weeks. Students enrolled in the Rural Stream will spend their entire third year as an active member of a rural community.

At the beginning of fourth year, students undertake an elective term of four or more weeks at a worldwide location of their choice. The main objective of this term is to broaden students' clinical horizons beyond the established curriculum and to gain personal life experience.

MChD program structure

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Your application: domestic

The Doctor of Medicine and Surgery / Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda (MChD) program is a Level 9 AQF Masters by coursework qualification.

Understanding the entry requirements

1. Bachelor Degree: As a minimum, applicants must have completed a Bachelor Degree or be in the final year of their Bachelor Degree in the year of application.
   - Bachelor degrees must be equivalent to an AQF level 7 qualification and must be comprised of at least three years of full-time equivalent study (3.0 EFTSL).
   - There are no preferred bachelor degrees or prerequisite subjects. We welcome applicants from all undergraduate backgrounds.

2. Grade Point Average (GPA): The GPA calculation is based on three years of full-time equivalent study (3.0 EFTSL) in your most recent eligible degree. For the purpose of the GPA calculation, eligible degrees include Bachelor, Honours and Masters by Coursework programs. These degrees must either be completed or due to be completed by 31 December in the year of application.
   - The minimum weighted GPA for consideration is 5.6

3. GAMSAT: Domestic applicants must sit the Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test.
   - Applicants must achieve a minimum overall score of 55, with a minimum score of 50 in each section for their application to be considered.

4. English Language: All applicants must meet the ANU's English Language requirements for admission.

Applicants are encouraged to visit www.health.anu.edu.au/study/doctor-medicine-and-surgery for more detailed information.

The application and selection process

1. Domestic applicants must apply through the Graduate Entry Medical School Admissions System (GEMSAS) www.gemsas.edu.au

2. Selection for interview is based on a 50:50 composite score derived from your GPA (weighted 50%) and Overall GAMSAT score (weighted 50%).

3. Offers of a place will be based on a final score derived from the interview score (50%) and the composite GPA/GAMSAT score used for interview ranking (50%)

Domestic students will be offered either a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) or Bonded Medical Place (BMP). Both places are government supported. A BMP has a return of service obligation which includes a commitment to work in eligible regional, rural and remote areas for a specific period of time after completion of the MChD program.

Applicants are encouraged to visit www.health.anu.edu.au/study/doctor-medicine-and-surgery for more information.
Your application: international

The Doctor of Medicine and Surgery / Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda (MChD) program is a Level 9 AQF Masters by coursework qualification.

Understanding the entry requirements

1. Bachelor Degree: As a minimum, applicants must have completed a Bachelor Degree or be in the final year of their Bachelor Degree in the year of application.

   — Bachelor degrees must be equivalent to an AQF level 7 qualification and must be comprised of at least three years of full-time equivalent study (3.0 EFTSL).

   — There are no preferred bachelor degrees or prerequisite subjects. We welcome applicants from all undergraduate backgrounds.

2. Grade Point Average (GPA): The GPA calculation is based on three years of full-time equivalent study (3.0 EFTSL) in your most recent eligible degree. For the purpose of the GPA calculation, eligible degrees include Bachelor, Honours and Masters by Coursework programs. These degrees must either be completed or due to be completed by 31 December in the year of application.

   — The minimum weighted GPA for consideration is 5.6

3. GAMSAT or MCAT: International applicants must sit either the Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test OR the Medical College Admissions Test.

   — GAMSAT, applicants must achieve a minimum overall score of 55, with a minimum score of 50 in each section for their application to be considered.

   — MCAT, applicants must achieve a minimum score of 125 in each section to be considered.

4. English Language: All applicants must meet the ANU's English Language requirements for admission.

Applicants are encouraged to visit www.health.anu.edu.au/study/doctor-medicine-and-surgery for more detailed information.

The application and selection process

1. International applicants must apply directly to the ANU

2. Selection for interview is based on a 50:50 composite score derived from your GPA (weighted 50%) and Overall GAMSAT or MCAT score (weighted 50%).

3. Offers of a place will be based on a final score derived from the interview score (50%) and the composite GPA/GAMSAT or MCAT score used for interview ranking (50%)

International students will be offered a full fee paying international place.

Applicants are encouraged to visit www.health.anu.edu.au/study/doctor-medicine-and-surgery for more information.
Admissions Information

Pathways

The ANU Medical School offers a number of pathways into the Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda (MChD) / Doctor of Medicine and Surgery program.

**Bachelor of Health Science:** Each year up to 30 places are available into the MChD program from the Bachelor of Health Science program. Eligible students will receive an offer to the MChD program, contingent upon their weighted average mark (WAM), an interview process, an application statement and successful completion of the Bachelor of Health Science program. Up to 10 of the 30 places are available for students from a rural background.

**Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) – Science (PhB):** Each year up to 10 places are available into the MChD from the PhB program. Students must indicate their interest to undertake the PhB/MChD pathway during their final year of study (prior to their honours year). Eligible students will receive an offer to the MChD program contingent upon meeting the PhB academic criteria and an interview process.

**Tuckwell Scholarship:** This pathway is limited to successful applicants at the Tuckwell Stage 3 selection interviews. Students are required to have declared upfront an interest in studying medicine in all three stages of the Tuckwell application process. Scholars in this pathway are not required to apply through GEMSAS, sit the GAMSAT or undertake an additional interview. Completion of an undergraduate degree at the ANU is mandatory.

**Indigenous Pathway:** The ANU Medical School encourages applications from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. We have recognised places available in the MChD program each year to applicants of this background. All Indigenous pathway students successful in receiving an offer to the MChD are guaranteed a Scholarship.

Read more about our admission guidelines and learn more about the Medical School.
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*Please check the website for the most up to date timeline.*
The ANU offers a wide range of scholarships and prizes to future and current students to assist with the cost of studying. There are also multiple external scholarship opportunities available. Here are some examples of what is on offer through the ANU.

**Bill Nicholes “Willigobung” Scholarship for Medicine**

$20,000 per annum

Funding for this award has been provided by the late Bill Nicholes who bequeathed more than $4.2 million to support students studying graduate medicine.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a domestic student, have been offered a place in the MChD program, have achieved the minimum GPA requirement, be able to attend an interview, and be able to demonstrate the attributes of a Nicholes scholar.

One of the two scholarships offered annually is reserved for a student from a rural, regional or remote area who will have to meet additional requirements and provide supporting documentation.

Provider: The ANU Medical School.

**Orthopaedic Scholarship**

$5,000 per annum

This scholarship has been established through the generous support of the ACT Musculoskeletal and Orthopaedic Research Foundation. It will be offered for research in a field or discipline relevant to musculoskeletal or orthopaedic disease and/or trauma.

Eligibility: Enrolled in second or third year of the MChD Program at the ANU Medical School.

Provider: ANU College of Health and Medicine, and ANU College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences.

**ANU National Indigenous Medicine Scholarship**

$25,000 per annum

The scholarship is to assist Indigenous students to study medicine at the ANU Medical School. No formal application is required as eligible candidates will be automatically considered for the scholarship.

Eligibility: The scholarship shall be available for award each year to a student who is an Indigenous Australian and is enrolled in and will remain enrolled in the MChD at ANU.

Provider: The Australian National University and ANU Medical School.
Ken Wanganeen Scholarship
Variable Value

The scholarship has been generously established in memory of the distinguished Indigenous Australian, Ken Wanganeen.
Eligibility: Applicants must be an Indigenous Australian AND enrolled in or will be enrolled in a graduate coursework program at the University OR enrolled in or will be enrolled in the Australian National Internships Program.
Provider: The Australian National University.

Peter Sharp Scholarship
$18,000 per annum

The Peter Sharp Scholarship Program supports ANU medical students enrolled in the Indigenous health stream.
Eligibility: ANU Medical Students enrolled in the Indigenous Health Stream.
Provider: ACT Health, administered by the ANU Medical School.

Elspeth Young Memorial Grant
Variable value

The Elspeth Young Memorial Grants have been made possible by the generous bequest from Dr Elspeth Young to provide financial support to Indigenous Australian undergraduate and graduate students at The Australian National University. This support will be directed to costs necessary and incidental to studies, but not including any fees.
Eligibility: Applicants must be Indigenous Australian.
Provider: The Australian National University.

John James Foundation Scholarship
$25,000 per annum

The John James Foundation sponsors this scholarship with the aim of assisting Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students to undertake the Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda (MChD) program at the ANU Medical School. It provides financial assistance over a four year period.
We are leading researchers

Medicine and health research has high value to our society and is of strategic importance to our nation. The creation of new knowledge through research and its translation underpins improvements in the patient experience, health service delivery and the health of our nation. The research can be fundamental in nature or be applied, directly addressing clinical problems, public health issues or how health services are delivered.

The ANU Medical School is home to world-class researchers at the forefront of medical practice and discovery. Through our two postgraduate research degrees, the Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), you can join them in producing research that changes lives.

You will have access to cutting-edge research facilities and work alongside influential and innovative academics from across our campus, as well as joining our vibrant postgraduate student body.

Conjoint degrees (MChD/MPhil, MChD/PhD)

We offer conjoint postgraduate programs for students who want to enter the medical profession but also want to pursue their research interests.

Under the conjoint structure, students complete their research program whilst undertaking the MChD. Eligibility is based on their performance in the first two years of the MChD, meeting the research program requirements, and approval from the Director of the Medical School.
How to apply for a PhD or a MPhil

Step 1: Expression of interest

Prospective research students first need to identify a research project and find an academic supervisor. If you are not sure which area of research or supervisor matches your interest please visit the ANU Medical School’s Research website medicalschool.anu.edu.au/research for further information. Questions regarding Higher Degree by Research (HDR) in the ANU Medical School can be emailed to hdr.medicalschool@anu.edu.au.

Step 2: Academic supervisor

Email your proposed academic supervisor directly to enquire about projects and supervision. You may also submit a short research proposal. Once an academic supervisor has been confirmed to support your application you may proceed to step three.

Step 3: Application

Applicants should apply online at applyonline.anu.edu.au. Further information regarding the application process can be found on the ANU website: anu.edu.au/study/apply/anupostgraduate-research-domestic-and-international-applications

Step 4: Scholarships

A number of scholarships are available and are awarded on a merit basis. You can also talk to your academic supervisor about alternative sources of funding you might access to assist with living expenses and tuition fees. Please note, international research scholarships are only awarded to the most outstanding students and are extremely competitive. Information on scholarships and the application process can be found on our website anu.edu.au/study/scholarships-fees.
Mobilises Great Science:
Through our position at the interface of research and health care provision, the Medical School acts both as a driver of our own cutting-edge research program and as a conduit of supporting translational research excellence across the university, nationally and internationally.

 Advances Health Through Knowledge:
The Medical School creates new knowledge through health and medical research, advancing our curriculum to ensure future health care professionals and leaders in medicine are knowledgeable, and to implement new knowledge from research into policy and practice so as to advance the health of nations.

 Attracts, Strengthens and Thrives:
The Medical School builds a reputation for excellence in health and medical research through rich and diverse collaborations which strengthens our distinctiveness in research, attracts current and future health and medical research leaders and creates a robust research landscape to optimise discovery through translation to clinical practice and policy.

 Engages and Advocates:
The Medical School proactively strives to include collaboration, is valued and supported by consumers, Indigenous people, vulnerable groups, the general public, health care providers and all levels of Government throughout its research pipeline and strategically aims to introduce best practice to the university sector in Australia and globally.
The ANU Medical School’s current and emerging research areas are within two broad research themes—“Future of Society and Health” and “Decoding Health and Disease.”

Future of Society and Health researchers apply a translational and applied social research lens to medicine and education. They bring together researchers from diverse fields, drawing upon expertise in psychology, social science, pedagogy, medical science, technology enhanced learning and teaching, and clinical training.

Decoding Health and Disease teams decode the complexities of health and disease, providing best practice healthcare solutions for our region and beyond. At the heart of this research theme is a combination of fundamental and translational research bringing together researchers with diverse expertise.
Medical School researchers collaborate broadly in the areas of population health, psychology and biomedical science through connections within the Research School of Population Health, Research School of Psychology and John Curtin School of Medical Research within the College of Health and Medicine at ANU.

Major research initiatives in which ANU Medical School researchers have lead roles:

HealthANSWERS

This is a collaboration between three universities - ANU, University of Wollongong and University of Canberra - and regional health partners, including Canberra Health Services, ACT Health Directorate, Southern NSW Local Health District (LHD), Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD, Murrumbidgee LHD, and the primary health networks (Capital Health Network and Coordinare) in those regions, as well as Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Regional Health Care, Calvary Hospital, NSW Ambulance and the Health Care Consumers Association.

Our Health in Our Hands (OHIOH)

The ANU has established a grand challenge scheme that is predicated on the assumption that difficult and important problems can be solved by taking ambitious and interdisciplinary approaches. The inaugural grand challenge was awarded to a team of researchers from the College of Health and Medicine (CHM) and College of Engineering and Computer Science (CECS), called Our Health in Our Hands (OHIOH). The program has chosen to focus on two diseases, type 1 diabetes (T1D) and multiple sclerosis (MS), both being chronic diseases of autoimmune origin which require ongoing monitoring and adjustment of therapies. Central to the success of this grand challenge is the establishment of OHIOH MS and T1D research cohorts, which are being led at the research-clinic interface by ANU Medical School researchers.

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