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## ***THE PURSUIT OF LIFE-LONG RESEARCH SKILLS IN MEDICINE***



# **Master of Research in Medicine 2021-22**

***One-year full-time intercalated programme***

# Master of Research in Medicine (MRes[Med]) 2021-22

## Programme Objective

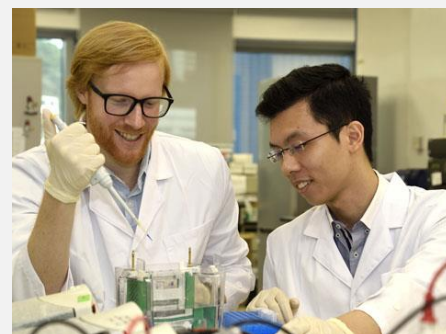
The Master of Research in Medicine (MRes[Med]) programme aims to provide structured research training to MBBS students while they are in the medical school. With an objective to nurture a research culture among MBBS students, the programme will enable them to develop life-long clinical and/or laboratory research skills and the capability to engage in research effectively. On completion of the programme, students will have demonstrated by presentation of a dissertation that he/she has acquired an acceptable level of knowledge and understanding in a chosen field of study.

## Programme Structure and Curriculum

The MRes[Med] is a full-time intercalated programme that lasts for one full academic year (*from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022*) during enrichment Year 3 of the MBBS curriculum. The programme comprises:

### 1) Coursework

- To commence in September 2021 and be completed within one year.
- Total 21 credits: one compulsory course on research ethics (3 credits) and 18 credits of Faculty-offered Research Postgraduate courses throughout the year chosen in consultation with supervisor(s).
- Students may choose up to 6 courses from the Faculty's Research Postgraduate curriculum (3 credits each) or undertake up to 2 courses from the selected courses in the Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences curriculum (6 credits each).
- Course selection and enrollment will take place in August 2021.
- Students are advised to consult their supervisors on the selection of courses that complement their research needs.



### 2) Hands-on research training

- To commence in July 2021 and be completed within one year.
- Total 48 credits leading to a dissertation of no more than 20,000 words to be submitted\* between the end of the intercalated year and May 31 of the year in which students will pursue their MBBS Final Year's studies.

\* *Early dissertation submission before May 31, 2025 is subject to supervisor's approval and application should be made no later than 2 months prior to the proposed submission date to the Board of Studies.*

## Time-frame for Completion of MBBS & MRes[Med]

MBBS Years 1 – 2

### Enrichment Year (Year 3) – MRes[Med]

July 1, 2021

September 1, 2021

June 30, 2022

48 credits of Hands-on research training

21 credits of coursework\*\*:

Research Ethics course (3 credits) +

Research Postgraduate courses (18 credits) OR

up to 2 BBiomedSc courses (6 credits each) + Research Postgraduate courses to make up a total of 18 credits

MBBS Years 4 – 5

### MBBS Year 6

July 1, 2024

May 31, 2025<sup>^</sup>

Elective

MRes[Med]  
wrap-up and dissertation  
submission deadline

\*\* Please refer to **Section 1) Coursework** for more details.

<sup>^</sup> Students are required to complete the Elective in Year 6 of the MBBS curriculum and submit the finalized dissertation for examination by May 31, 2025.

## Research Topics

- Research Topics and detailed research plans are available at <https://www.med.hku.hk/go/mresmed>. (HKU portal login required for access to detailed research plans).
- Applicants are encouraged to discuss their interested research projects with the prospective supervisor(s).

## Admission Requirements

- MBBS II students who have completed the second year of the curriculum and passed the Second Examination of MBBS; and
- Excellent academic performance in the MBBS curriculum.

## Degree Awarding Requirements

For the award of the MRes[Med] degree, a candidate should complete:

- the requirements for the award of MBBS;
- the specified hands-on research training;
- the requirement for the specified coursework; and
- a dissertation of no more than 20,000 words.

Please refer to the [Regulations for the Degree of Master of Research in Medicine \(MRes\[Med\]\)](#) for details.

## Scholarships and Funding Opportunities

Candidates may be eligible for the awards of:

- [Mr & Mrs SH Wong Foundation Scholarship for Master of Research in Medicine](#) (entrance scholarship)
- [Hou De Charitable Foundation Scholarship for Master of Research in Medicine](#) (entrance scholarship)
- [BL Wong Scholarships for Master of Research in Medicine](#) (based on students' research progress)
- [Yu Chun Keung Memorial Scholarship for Master of Research in Medicine](#) (based on students' research progress)
- [Li Shu Fan Master of Research in Medicine Scholarship](#) (administered by Department of Medicine)
- Programme for Effective Transition and Student Support (PETSS) (overseas conference grant; email for enquiries: [medschol@hku.hk](mailto:medschol@hku.hk))
- Undergraduate Research Fellowship Programme (URFP) (Applications by invitation only; email for enquiries: [urfpmedf@hku.hk](mailto:urfpmedf@hku.hk))

## Composition Fee

Local students: HK\$42,100

Non-local students: HK\$171,000

(payable in 2 installments; subject to adjustment)

## Accreditation

The MRes[Med] is a quotable qualification approved by the Hong Kong Medical Council.

## Application

Application form can be obtained from <https://www.med.hku.hk/go/mresmed>.

The completed application form, duly signed by the supervisor(s) and Head(s)/Director(s) of Department(s)/School(s) concerned, should be submitted to the Faculty Office, 6/F William MW Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road [Attn: Ms Elaine So (email: [elaineso@hku.hk](mailto:elaineso@hku.hk))] on or before **December 31, 2020**.

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## Opportunities for further research studies as a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

The combined [MBBS/PhD programme](#) allows students undertaking MRes[Med] during their enrichment year to apply for transfer to the MBBS/PhD programme no later than 8 months into the MRes[Med] programme. The time spent on MRes[Med] would be counted towards the probationary period for the students' PhD study. After thesis submission in the last year of PhD study, students would then re-enter MBBS IV and complete the remaining years up to MBBS VI. Students undertaking the MBBS/PhD combined programme may receive a scholarship from the Croucher Foundation in support of their monthly stipends and subsidies for overseas training, subject to the condition that they have attained an excellent academic result in their MBBS studies. Application for admission will be invited in December every year.