

## WHICH HIGHER DEGREE RESEARCH (HDR) PROGRAM AM I ELIGIBLE FOR?

### Preliminary self-assessment

#### Are you eligible for direct entry into the PhD Program?

Please go through the following criteria to check your eligibility to apply for entry to the PhD program. This will enable you to do a preliminary self-assessment of your eligibility for direct entry to a PhD program at SOMS. Please note that the self-assessment is for your information only and does not guarantee admission. The final decision for admission is based on your overall qualification, professional and research experience in addition to any research output, as well as a recommendation by the Postgraduate Coordinator and the Dean of Graduate Research.

1. Do you have an <b>Honours Degree</b> including a thesis (at least comparable to UNSW class 2 division 1 in a relevant discipline?)	If you answered <b>yes</b> to criterion 1, 2 OR 3, you may be eligible for direct entry to the PhD program. Proceed to step 2 of the application process.
2. Do you have a <b>medical degree</b> from an Australian or New Zealand university (MBBS or equivalent medical qualification including MD)?	
3. Do you have a <b>Masters degree</b> that included a research component of at least the equivalent of two full-time semesters and a thesis?	
4. Do you have a Masters degree <b>AND</b> at least one first-author publication in a peer-reviewed journal that is indexed in Medline or a similar database?	If <b>yes</b> , to criterion 4, 5, 6 or 7, you may be eligible for direct entry to the PhD Program provided there is recommendation from the supervisor and Postgraduate Coordinator. Proceed to step 2 of the application process.
5. Do you have a Masters degree <b>AND</b> at least 3 years of relevant professional experience <b>AND</b> first authorship of a report?	
6. Do you have a Masters degree <b>AND</b> at least 3 years of relevant professional experience <b>AND</b> evidence of strong research performance? (Evidence of strong research performance can be in the form of <b>several research outputs</b> such as the following: co- authorship in peer-reviewed journal articles, co-authored research reports, book chapters or papers in conference proceedings)	
7. Do you have a <b>medical degree</b> from overseas <b>AND</b> at least 3 years relevant research experience (ideally at least one first-author publication in a peer-reviewed journal that is indexed in Medline or similar)	
<b>IF YOU DO NOT MEET ANY OF THE ABOVE CRITERIA YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR DIRECT ENTRY INTO THE PhD PROGRAM. YOU MAY WISH TO APPLY FOR A MASTERS BY RESEARCH. SEE OVERPAGE.</b>	

## Are you eligible for direct entry into the Masters by Research Program?

Please go through the following criteria to check your eligibility to apply for entry to the Masters by Research program. This will enable you to do a preliminary self-assessment of your eligibility for direct entry to a Masters by Research program at SOMS. Please note that the self-assessment is for your information only and does not guarantee admission. The final decision for admission is based on your overall qualification, professional and research experience in addition to any research output, as well as a recommendation by the Postgraduate Coordinator and the Dean of Graduate Research.

1. Do you have an overseas MBBS or equivalent medical degree?	If you answered <b>YES</b> to criteria 1 OR 2 you may be eligible for direct entry to the Masters by Research program. Proceed to step 2 of the application process.
2. Do you have a Bachelors degree without Honours and relevant professional experience comparable to a UNSW Honours degree?	
3. Do you have a Master's degree without a significant research component?	
<b>IF YOU DO NOT MEET ANY OF THE ABOVE CRITERIA YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR DIRECT ENTRY INTO THE MASTERS BY RESEARCH PROGRAM. Those who enrol in a Masters by Research maybe eligible for a later upgrade to a PhD if they fulfil the requirements for such an upgrade during their candidacy.</b>	