

Ph.D program in Medical and Health Sciences, Faculty of Medical Sciences, AIMS, Kochi

Introduction

Doctoral programs at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham (AVVP) are designed to develop outstanding educational researchers with a wide range of research skills as well as in-depth knowledge and practical understanding and expertise in their chosen field of educational research. The Health Sciences Research (HSR) Department of the Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre (AIMS) at the Amrita Health Campus, Kochi take care of the Ph.D program.

Program

Ph.D in Medical and Health Sciences, Faculty of Medical Sciences.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Medical and Health Sciences program is offered by the Faculty of Medical Sciences and is administered by the Department of Health Sciences Research, AIMS, Kochi Campus, headed by , Chairman (Post Graduate Program and Research). Doctorate (Ph.D) program of Amrita School of Medicine, Amrita School of Dentistry, College of Nursing and Amrita Center for Allied Health Sciences are governed by the Department.

The program includes course work and research. The credit requirement for the course work is based on the Academic background and years of regular academic activity. As per the University norms, one credit is considered as 15 hours of class. Three courses, totaling 7 credits are compulsory for all the Ph D scholars and these courses shall be offered by the Dept of Health Sciences Research at AIMS in campus. Rest of the credit/ Course requirement are developed and decided by the Doctoral Committee taking into consideration the academic background and research topic of the Scholar.

The thrust areas include all disciplines of Medical, Dental, Nursing and Health Sciences.

Eligibility

Applicants holding Master's degree are eligible for admission viz., M.Sc., MSW, MD, MS, DNB, MDS, M.Pharm, Pharm.D, 2 yr PG Diploma, MS by research and M.Phil. MBBS and BDS students having ICMR Fellowship for Ph.D programme are also considered. All applicants are expected to have strong academic records.

***Fee**

The regular tuition fee is Rs 30000/ year till completion of the program. Other fee as applicable has to be paid during the course of the program. Certain category of Amrita staff is eligible for fee concession based on their total salary.

*** Fee is subject to revision from time to time as decided by the University.**

Full time and Part time program

Admissions to Ph.D. programs are conducted twice a year, for January and July sessions. A Ph.D. program is offered in two modes- Full time and Part time and not in a distance learning mode. Hence, coursework, participation in various interactions, submission of progress reports through presentations etc. on regular basis is mandatory during the program. A Full-time Ph.D. scholar shall mean a candidate devoting full time for completing the requirements of the program and a part- time Ph.D. scholar shall mean a candidate who is devoting a part of his time towards the pursuit of the program while discharging his official / employment obligations. Hence, Part time Candidates are expected to ensure they get adequate organisational help and a relevant setup at their workplace that also enables them to engage in research work. Ph.D. full time is for a minimum of 3 years and Ph.D. part time for a minimum of 5 years. Maximum duration in the case of full time is 6 years and part time is 8 years. AVV encourages interdisciplinary research and exchange of ideas and knowledge in various related fields. Part time student need to have 6 months residency at AIMS before submission of the thesis.

Doctoral Committee, Thesis Advisor (Guide) and Co-Advisor(Co-guide)

The main Guide/Thesis Advisor for the scholar during the Ph.D. program will be from AVV, appointed as per the research topic, rules regulation and Guide availability. Consequently, it allows appointment of Co-Guide/Co-Advisors from outside AVVP as per university rules. **It is the responsibility of the scholar to get in touch with the Faculty members of AVVP and attach his/her willingness letter to undertake the responsibility of guiding the scholar in the research topic, a requisite for issuing and accepting the application. This letter has to be enclosed during submission of the duly filled in application form and subsequent acceptance.** The Doctoral Committee of the scholar shall have a minimum of 4 and maximum 6 Faculty members including the Guide and Co-Guide. One of the members should be an international expert from outside the country, who is a renowned Faculty in the topic of research.

Requisite for Award of Degree

1. Successful completion of all the stipulated course work with CGPA not less than 8.0/10
2. Satisfactory 6 monthly progress report
3. Successful completion of Comprehensive Examination, Qualifying Examination, Seminars
4. Publication of a minimum of 3 research papers from the Ph.D thesis research work in Scopus/Pub Med indexed journals with good impact factor
5. Successful completion of Thesis Defense
6. Satisfactory recommendation of the Internal and External Thesis examiners
7. Success in the Thesis viva vocee
5. Satisfying all criteria mentioned in the PhD Academic regulation of the Varsity

Admission Procedure

1. Applications for admission to a Ph.D. program are accepted twice a year, for January and July sessions.
2. Application shall be collected from Department of Health Sciences Research, AIMS, Kochi. The duly completed application form with the specified enclosures (Hard copy) has to be submitted to **The Head, Department of Health Sciences Research, T1 F6, Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Ponekkara, Kochi 682041** before the due date in the call letter. The application will be issued as specified in the call letter.
3. Enquiries regarding due date and application shall be made to sonuks@aims.amrita.edu
4. Applicants who have submitted the duly filled in applications with all the requisite enclosures and those satisfying the requirements of the University only will be called for a written Entrance Examination and Interview. The details for the written examination will be intimated
5. The selection is conducted by the Selection Committee constituted for the same. The specific date and time for the same shall be intimated on accepting the application.

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