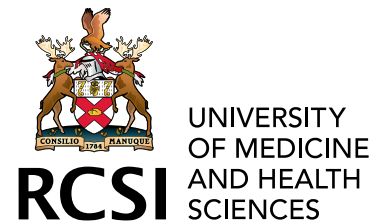


PhD BY PRIOR PUBLICATION

SCHOLAR
INFORMATION



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RCSI is pleased to offer the opportunity to those with a record of publications in biomedical, clinical and health services research to complete a PhD by Prior Published works.

This route allows scholars who have sufficient research experience at doctoral level, as demonstrated through already published material, to gain academic recognition for their work over a minimum registration period of one year. Researchers who have published their own original research, which examiners deem has made a significant contribution to knowledge, can obtain a PhD award in recognition of this work when it is presented in the form of a coherent thesis and successfully assessed in a viva voce examination.

SCHOLAR INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for a PhD award by Prior Publication you must:

- » Be a research-active member of RCSI staff (at any of our campuses), an RCSI Honorary Appointment, RCSI Trainee, Member, Fellow, or an RCSI Alum.
 - » Hold a Bachelor's degree or equivalent.
 - » Have been actively engaged in medical or health sciences research for a period of at least five years within the last ten years at an organization that has a recognized research function.
 - » Have published a minimum of five original research papers in journals ranked **Q1** in their relevant fields in the ten years prior to the date of application for admission.*
- And
- » Be senior author (first or last author) on all five research papers.
 - * Work in preparation for publication will not be considered, the work must be already published or in press.

APPLICATION

An application must be submitted via Quercus. The link is available on the **RCSI website**. Before beginning your application on the Quercus platform, please have the following documents ready to upload:

- » A copy of your primary degree certificate/ transcript.
- » A Curriculum Vitae.
- » The name, contact details, and a letter of support from an RCSI supervisor who has agreed to undertake the task of mentoring and supporting you for this award.
- » A brief personal statement (<500 words) outlining your motivation for registering for this degree now and how you are going to resource the time required to complete your thesis, and core modules.
- » A Gantt chart showing planned completion timeline for your thesis.
- » The names of 2 potential External examiners, who have expertise in the area, and whom are qualified to serve as examiners of the academic content. (Please discuss this with your proposed supervisor in advance.)
- » Details of the published work that you wish to be considered for the award. (Where the published work appears under the name of more than one author, you must include a statement indicating the extent to which you carried out the published work and a clear indication of any parts of the published work that were carried out in collaboration.)
- » A statement, maximum 1,000 words, setting in context each item of published work and indicating how and in what respect these items have made a significant contribution to knowledge. The statement should also describe how the published works for consideration constitute a coherent programme of published research as opposed to a series of learned but disconnected papers.

FEES

Fee information is available on our [website](#).

PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS

In order to be awarded the PhD, participants must complete the following:

- » Research Ethics training (Recognition of Prior Learning may be considered if evidence of equivalent learning can be provided)
- » Progress Review via a Thesis Completion Plan
- » Final thesis and viva voce examination

TIMELINE

PRE-APPLICATION

- 1.** Review eligibility requirements for programme to ensure you meet the standards required
- 2.** Contact an RCSI Supervisor to obtain agreement that they will support you to complete a thesis
- 3.** Prepare documentation for your application

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

- 5.** Programme begins
- 6.** Complete Research Ethics module
Semester 1
- 7.** Submit examiner nominations
Semester 1
- 8.** Progress Review
Semester 2

APPLICATION

- 4.** Submit application via the RCSI website

EXAMINATION AND GRADUATION

- 9.** Submit soft bound thesis
Semester 4
- 10.** Viva voce
Semester 4
- 11.** Perform any corrections required by examiners
Post examination
- 12.** Submit hard bound thesis
- 13.** Graduation