



Policy

TITLE: Scholarship for Ochsner Clinical School MD/PhD Students

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

APPROVER(S): Dean of Medical Education, OCS Director of School and the System Vice President, Academic Affairs

NUMBER: 503.2

I. Purpose

This policy provides guidance for the Ochsner Health MD/PhD scholarship for University of Queensland, Ochsner Clinical School student(s) who enrolled in the MD program prior to January 2021, were accepted into the University of Queensland PhD program, completed three years of the PhD program and are eligible to matriculate into Ochsner Clinical School clinical year 3 of the MD program or year 6 of the MD/PhD program.

II. Scope

This policy applies to all University of Queensland, Ochsner Clinical School student(s) who enrolled in the MD program prior to January 2021, were accepted into the University of Queensland PhD program, completed three years of the PhD program and are eligible to matriculate into Ochsner Clinical School clinical year 3 of the MD program or year 6 of the MD/PhD program.

III. Definitions

- A. MD/PhD Class of 2023 – Student(s) enrolled in the University of Queensland, Ochsner Clinical School MD/PhD program and are eligible to matriculate to the Ochsner Clinical School clinical year 3 of the MD program or year 5 of the MD/PhD program effective January 2022.
- B. MD Class of 2026 – Student(s) enrolled in the University of Queensland Ochsner Clinical School MD/PhD program and are eligible to matriculate to the Ochsner Clinical School clinical year 3 of the MD program or year 6 of the MD/PhD program effective January 2025.

IV. Policy Statements

- A. Eligible students will be required to complete the Ochsner MD-PhD Scholarship for MD Phase 2 application.
- B. Application deadline is October 15
- C. All completed applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee comprised of, at minimum, the Dean of Medical Education and Director of Ochsner Clinical School, at least one Ochsner Clinical School Faculty representative as designated by the

Director of the Ochsner Clinical School, the Ochsner Dean of Research, and the Ochsner AVP for Education Operations.

- D. Ochsner will provide \$67,500 (USD) in each of the MD Ochsner Clinical School Clinical year 3 and 4 or MD/PhD year 6 and 7 to one candidate that meets the selection criteria. If there is more than one candidate, the amount of \$67,500 (USD) will be split between the candidates selected by the Selection Committee in the MD/PhD Class of 2023 and in the MD/PhD Class of 2026. The committee will not select more than two candidates.
- E. If there is only one eligible candidate in either the MD/PhD Class of 2023 or the MD/PhD Class of 2026 and the Selection Committee approves the candidate, then the candidate will receive the full \$67,500 (USD) scholarship.
- F. If there are no candidates in either the MD/PhD Class of 2023 or the MD/PhD Class of 2026 that are approved by the Selection Committee then Ochsner will not distribute any of the \$67,500 (USD) scholarship. The \$67,500 (USD) will not be rolled over to the next or future years.
- G. Eligibility for the scholarship in the MD year 4 or MD/PhD year 7, students selected for the scholarship will be required to Pass USMLE Step 2 and provide proof of passing scores on both USMLE exams prior to scholarship funds distribution. Students will maintain a GPA ≥ 5.0 with no failing grades in any course.

V. Policy Implementation

This policy will be implemented September 1, 2021 and will expire December 31, 2026