

## ABOUT

The Department of Science and Technology– Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (DOST-PCHRD) in collaboration with University of the Philippines– College of Medicine (UPCM) announces the availability of scholarship for MD-PhD in Molecular Medicine program.

## Scholarship Program

The MD-PhD in Molecular Medicine Scholarship Program is the first and only dual MD-PhD course offered in the Philippines that trains aspiring physician-scientists. It is a joint initiative of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), through the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD), and University of the Philippines Manila for human resource development in biomedical research. This program seeks to develop MDs with strong background in basic and applied research. The PhD aspect of the combined program aims to provide students with an advanced graduate education while completing a medical degree.

- Flexible medical and graduate curricula that should take 8 years to complete.
- Required clerkship and internship in medical departments equivalent for the medical degree
- Program is in keeping with Philippine Science and Technology goals

## MD-PhD Program Tracks

- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Medical Genetics
- Pharmacology
- Medical Microbiology
- Medical Parasitology

## Opportunities for Scholars

- MD-PhD scholar who has an approved dissertation proposal and completed the required academic courses and intends to conduct their research work in a foreign university or institution may apply for a grant under the Research Enrichment Program (REP)
- Attendance to international conventions/ fora, if scholar is the main oral/poster presenter.
- Participation in trainings abroad and national conferences
- Assistance to publication fees in international journals and publications, if study is accepted.
- Week-long summer immersion at DOST and research network institutions.

## Admission Requirements

- Outstanding scholastic record (GWA 1.75 or higher) from any recognized institution or higher education institutions.
- A bachelor's or master's degree in the biomedical field, preferably in Biochemistry, Molecular Biology or Biotechnology.
- A high aptitude for advanced study and research potential in molecular biology and biotechnology and their applications in medicine
- Passed entrance interview of UP College of Medicine
- Duly accomplished Application Form (available at the UPM Graduate Office or through [www.ngohs.upm.edu.ph](http://www.ngohs.upm.edu.ph)) together with the following documents:

- Original copy of Transcript of Records
- 2 recommendation letters from former professors, supervisors or employers (forms included in the application packet)
- Receipt of processing fee paid at the UPM Cashier's Office
- Certified true copy of college diploma with seal of the university and the signature of the registrar ink
- 4 passport-size photos
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Photocopy of birth certificate and marriage certificate for married female applicants
- Essay on an 8-1/2" x 11" sheet of paper describing your motivation for pursuing graduate study and your view of self-directed learning as a method of instruction, and description of your research interest

## Additional documentary requirements (to be submitted to the PCHRD upon submission to the UPCM):

- Accomplished Application form with ID picture (original copy)
- Admission to Graduate Studies/ Graduate School ( photocopy)
- University Evaluation Sheet (if any) (photocopy)
- Transcript of records (certified true copy)
- PSA Birth Certificate ( Original copy)
- Valid NBI Clearance (Original copy)
- Medical Certificate as to health status from a licensed physician with PRC license number indicated (original copy)
- Endorsement letter from 2 former professor (Original copy/ we accept advance copy through email)
- Certificate of Employment (if employed, recommendation to take leave of absence from employer or head of agency while on scholarship) (Original copy)
- Program of Study/ Curriculum (if available or to follow) (photocopy)

## Scholarship Privileges

|                                 |                     | Years 1-6<br>(P) | Years 7-8<br>(P) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Tuition Fee & other school fees |                     | Actual           |                  |
| Stipend                         |                     | 25,000/<br>mo.   | 33,000/<br>mo.   |
| Book Allowance                  |                     | 20,000/AY        |                  |
| Transportation Allowance*       |                     | Actual           |                  |
| Insurance Coverage (Accident)   |                     | 1M/yr            |                  |
| Thesis/Dissertation Grant       |                     | 100,000          |                  |
| Student Research Support Fund   | Research Grant      |                  | 253,000          |
|                                 | Dissemination Grant | 75,000           | 150,000          |
|                                 | Mentor's Fee        |                  | 72,000           |

*\*One (1) actual economy class round trip fare per Academic Year; given only to those who will study outside their home province*

## Incentive

The stipends for the remaining months of the scholarship period shall be given to a scholar who completes his/her degree earlier than the prescribed period of study.

## Terms of DOST-PCHRD Scholarship Award

- The scholarship award shall be for full-time graduate studies to ensure on time completion of the degree.
- The scholar must not be employed or practicing his/her profession while on scholarship; he/she must secure approval for official leave of absence, if employed.
- The awardee shall execute a Scholarship Agreement with DOST-PCHRD.
- The academic performance of the scholar shall be evaluated every school term based on established policies to determine his/her scholarship status.

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A service obligation to be rendered in the Philippines shall be required of the scholar after finishing the MD-PhD degree.

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Refund of scholarship grant with 12% interest shall be required of the scholar for non-completion of his/her graduate program or failure to comply with the service obligation.

## Scholar's Obligations

- Have a regular load per semester
- Maintain good academic standing
- Submit original thesis in priority R&D area
- Prepare and submit periodic reports
- Submit hardbound and soft copies of dissertation.
- Comply with scholarship policies.
- Not engage in any work while on scholarship
- Render service obligation
- Seek DOST-PCHRD permission before leaving the country for official or personal reasons.
- Secure DOST-PCHRD approval before applying for another scholarship.

## Application forms may be obtained from mailed/returned to:

### THE DIRECTOR

### NATIONAL GRADUATE OFFICE FOR THE HEALTH SCIENCES

**Tel nos.** 523-1498, 523-1495

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Further inquiries may be sent to:

### DOST-PCHRD Scholarship Coordinator

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# MD-PhD

## Molecular Medicine

### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## A scholarship program offering of

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Philippine Council for Health Research and Development  
DOST Compound, General Santos Avenue,  
Bicutan, Taguig City  
Philippines

## In cooperation with the

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College of Medicine  
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Philippines

**Application Period: October — February**