



## Combined Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy (MD/PhD) Program

### TIMELINE FOR PhD STUDIES WITHIN MD/PhD PROGRAM

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#### Year 1

All of Year I medical curriculum + reading, learn lab techniques, summer research, develop thesis project

- MD/PhD students can use FLEX time in MEDD 419 to begin to engage with their PhD projects
- complete Foundations of Scholarship
- complete a learning plan that outlines your interests
- complete an activity plan that describes your project and the components that will be undertaken in MEDD 419 session
- approved by a site director and FLEX Advisor
- set up Thesis Supervisory Committee
- first PhD Thesis Committee meeting
- submit research proposal to Program Director

YEARS 1-5: PhD thesis committee meetings at least once per year

YEARS 2-4: apply for external funding (program expectation)

YEARS 2-5: annual progress meeting with Director or Associate Director

#### Year 2

Year II medical curriculum (up until the TICE 2-week session) + reading, continue momentum from summer research (with help of others in your lab).

Spring of Year 2:

- register for graduate courses
- begin thesis project
- external funding applications

#### Year 3

- complete all required graduate course work for PhD
- conduct research and finalize PhD thesis project proposal
- PhD comprehensive exam

#### Year 4

- complete experiments, write manuscripts on PhD thesis project

#### Year 5

- complete MD Year II (Transitions into Clinical Education) – April/May
- write and defend PhD thesis

#### Year 6

- MD 3 year, junior clerkship rotations

#### Year 7

- MD Year 4, clerkship rotations
- CaRMS application
- Graduation

**Please refer to our program description for more detailed information.**

<http://mdprogram.med.ubc.ca/mdphd/links/programdescription>

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