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DEPARTMENT OF RESPIRATORY MEDICINE PHD PROGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF RESPIRATORY MEDICINE: ALFRED HOSPITAL & MONASH UNIVERSITY

PHD PROGRAM FOR PHYSICIANS & PHYSICIAN TRAINEES SUMMARY

Mission

The Alfred Hospital and Monash University Department of Respiratory Medicine is a leading clinical-academic department committed to basic and clinical research that fosters innovation and creativity, while aiming for seamless integration of discovery research with clinical research and clinical practice. Our mission is to reduce the burden of respiratory conditions through innovative, patient-oriented research.

Vision

Our vision is to:

- Promote excellence and innovation in respiratory research
- Deliver outstanding training and mentoring for researchers across all disciplines and at all levels
- Increase access to research and clinical trials for all Victorians
- Be outward facing - engage with our communities and stakeholders as a trusted partner
- Provide leadership in patient-oriented research
- Facilitate transfer of best evidence into practice through targeted implementation and education
- Attract and retain respiratory researchers to an environment that values diversity, inclusivity, collaboration and academic freedom

The scope of our research expertise encompasses a wide spectrum of respiratory disorders (including but not limited to: asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cystic fibrosis, fibrotic lung disease, occupational lung diseases, lung cancer and respiratory infections), pulmonary vascular disorders, allergy and immunology, transplantation and sleep disorders. Our researchers come from diverse backgrounds including (but not limited to) medicine, nursing, allied health, clinical scientists and discovery scientists.

PhD Program

We are offering a competitive, three-year PhD program that provides resources, funding, research support, supervision and mentorship to undertake doctoral studies. Through this program we aim to identify, support and nurture our future research leaders in Respiratory Medicine. The ability to align clinical practice and research activities, together with the breadth of research expertise available within our department, enables us to provide a unique and outstanding environment for clinician researchers.

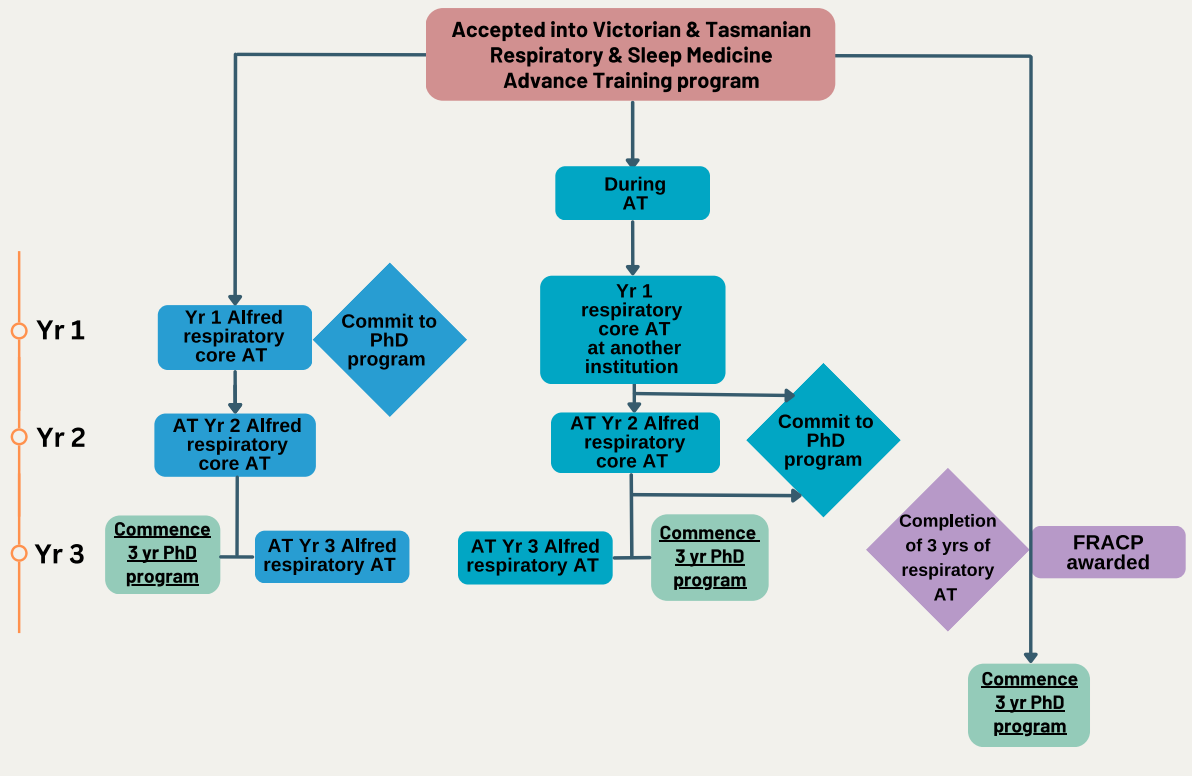
Medical graduates have the opportunity to join the PhD program via one of three pathways:

1. Once accepted into the Victorian & Tasmanian Respiratory & Sleep Medicine Advance Training program: advanced trainees (ATs) can apply directly to undertake their full three years of advance training at the Alfred Hospital. If successful, in years one and two, the selected candidate will rotate through the four main respiratory clinical services (i.e., core respiratory training). During this time, the AT may have the opportunity to undertake preliminary work on their research project and/or acquire new research skills relevant to their PhD project. In year three of advance training (non-core respiratory training), the selected candidate will commence their PhD 3-year research program and will also have the opportunity to undertake some clinical work (if feasible, focusing on a clinical aspect of the research).
2. During advance training: physician advanced trainees (ATs) who have completed a year of advance training at another institution can apply to undertake one year of their advance training at the Alfred Hospital. In their second year, the selected candidate will rotate through respiratory clinical services at the Alfred and may have the opportunity to undertake preliminary work on their research project and/or acquire new research skills relevant to their PhD project. In year three of advance training, the selected candidate will commence their PhD 3-year research program and may also have the opportunity to undertake some clinical work
3. After completion of advance training: once awarded FRACP, physicians may enrol in the PhD program and may be offered a clinical appointment at Alfred Health. This short-term appointment will be at the discretion of the Director of Respiratory Medicine, with clinical commitments and hours determined by negotiation.

We support inclusivity and diversity therefore candidates may enrol in the PhD program part time.

To be eligible for this PhD program, the candidate must enrol in their PhD through the Department of Respiratory Medicine, Central Clinical School, Monash University.

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PhD Program Aims

Our program will:

1. develop a world-class and highly supportive PhD program to train the next generation of researchers in Respiratory Medicine
2. attract the best candidates who are interested in an academic career
3. support and facilitate successful timely completion of doctoral studies
4. develop a pathway to support clinician researchers to engage in research after PhD completion
5. provide career development opportunities and mentorship
6. build research capacity within department
7. increase the national and international reputation of the department

Related documents

Document 1: Program Summary Document

Document 2: Program Structure & Application Document

Document 3: Advertising Strategy

Document 4: Program Research Funding

Further information

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