

Masters in Clinical Research Program

Our goal is to enroll a maximum of 10-12 full-time trainees per cohort. The selection of cohort members will be made when the Admission Committee meets to review the formal applications that have been submitted to the Graduate Division. This program runs on a two year cycle, with the current cohort scheduled to begin in Fall 2011.

Admission Requirements

- Admission to University of Hawaii Graduate Division is a mandatory prerequisite
 - [Click Here to download UH Graduate Division Admission Requirements as a pdf file](#)
 - [Click Here to access UH Graduate Division Online Application](#)
 - [Click Here to View UH Graduate Division Admission Process and Requirements](#)
 - [Click Here to View UH Graduate Division Admission Requirements for International Students](#)
- Possession of an MD, PhD, DDS, Pharm D or the appropriate doctoral degree (exceptions considered)
- Ability to devote at least 50% time to this program and to the conduct of one's own research study
- Established relationship with a research mentor (can be accomplished after acceptance to the program)
- [TOEFL](#) or [IELTS](#) English Language Score is required for most applicants who are non-native speakers of English:

TOEFL: Test of English as a Foreign Language

- Paper-based Test Score of 600

or

- Internet-based Test Score of 100, with the following minimum section requirements:
 - Reading: 19
 - Speaking: 25
 - Listening: 25
 - Writing: 21

or

- Computer-based Test Score of 250

- [IELTS: International English Language Testing System](#)
 - Score of 7.0 or above for the overall band test results.

Program of Study

Approximately 36 Semester hours are required.

Students will take the majority of their course work in the first year allowing for focus on independent research during the second year.

Application Process

The required components for application to the MSCR program are in two parts, 1) Application to the MSCR Program and 2) Application to Graduate Division.

This means that one set of documents is required for review by the MSCR admissions committee, and a different set of documents is required to apply to UH Graduate Division. Please insure that all of the appropriate documents are received by the application deadline and please allow for additional time for official transcripts being sent by your academic institutions.

1) Materials required by the MSCR program:

Please send these directly to our program at the Ilalo street address listed below, or via email to mscr@hawaii.edu :

- a) [MSCR/PhDCR Application Form \(Click to download pdf\)*](#)
- b) [Curriculum Vitae -or- Biographical Sketch \(Click to download blank pdf biosketch form if needed\)*](#)

(*Applicants should fill these forms out in Adobe Acrobat Reader, print, and submit to MSCR program when applying. If this will not open directly, right-click it and select "Save Link As...")

Please note: acceptance to graduate division does not equal admittance into the MSCR or PhDCR programs, as our space is limited. It is necessary to submit the above documents to our program for consideration by our admission committee.

The above documents should be mailed to:

John Perez
Masters in Clinical Research Program
Project Coordinator
651 Ilalo Street, MEB 224G
Honolulu, HI 96813-5534

2) Materials required by graduate division:

(Please send the documents required by graduate division directly to graduate division; sending them to our program could lead to application problems)

See instructions with [graduate application](#) on the [Graduate division website](#)

Here are some additional details regarding the application process:

- The [Graduate division website](#) has full instructions and downloadable forms for the application process.
- Official transcripts must be sent to the Graduate Admissions Office directly from the issuing institution(s), or in sealed institutional envelopes if submitted with the application. The Graduate Admissions Office also accepts transcripts submitted through Interfolio. No transcripts should be mailed or faxed to us at the MSCR Program.

Transcripts should be sent to the following address:

Graduate Admissions Office
2540 Maile Way, Spalding Hall 354
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822

- Transcripts required will include every single transcript for all undergraduate and graduate courses that you have taken.
- Only the original filled out application forms with original signatures will be accepted. These need to be sent directly to Graduate Division. There is no need to mail or fax these documents to us.
- In the form under item PROPOSED GRADUATE PROGRAM, enter:

Biomedical Science - Masters in Clinical Research

- Under DEGREE SOUGHT, enter:

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***applicants will be interviewed by the selection committee or it's designate.*

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Does this program have any provision for internships in the industry

We do not have specific provisions for internships in the industry at this time as a part of our academic program.

2. What are the possibilities of getting assistantship (Teaching/Research Assistantship) at your university ?

There are opportunities through the University.

Please see the [Work at UH web site: http://workatuh.hawaii.edu/](http://workatuh.hawaii.edu/)

Please also see [UH Graduate Division: http://manoa.hawaii.edu/grad/graduate-assistants](http://manoa.hawaii.edu/grad/graduate-assistants)

3. What are the Tuition costs?

For that information, please refer to the [UH Tuition Schedule](http://manoa.hawaii.edu/records/tuition_fees/) . Our program falls under Post-Baccalaureate Students: http://manoa.hawaii.edu/records/tuition_fees/

4. How many credits can I transfer, or how many will apply to your program?

That would probably have to be determined by Graduate Division, as they would have to review your course syllabi and associated materials. As for courses that may meet the requirements of our MSCR curriculum, that would probably have to be determined by our Curriculum Committee, also after review of the courses that you have already taken. In general, it is safe to assume that it will be necessary to take all of the courses in our program, since there are few equivalent programs available at other universities.

5. Are you open to International Students joining the program?

Eligibility of applicants, including International applicants, is subject to the requirements and standards of [Graduate Division](http://www.hawaii.edu/graduatestudies/international/html/international.htm) . Please see their web site for more information:

<http://www.hawaii.edu/graduatestudies/international/html/international.htm>

6. What is the length of time required to complete the degree?

1 1/2 to 2 years is typical for coursework and thesis preparation.

7. What are the Admission Requirements?

Requirements for our program admission are as follows:

- Acceptance to UH Graduate Division
- Possession of an MD, PhD, DDS, Pharm D or the appropriate doctoral degree (exceptions considered)
- Ability to devote at least 50% time to this program and to the conduct of one's own research study
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8. What are the requirements regarding mentorship?

- MSCR students - a mentor must be identified during the course of program; however, the presence of a mentor when applying will have a significant and positive effect on application scoring.
- PhDCR students - a mentor is required prior to start of program

9. Is this program offered online?

No, not at this time. Courses are attended in person at the UH Medical School Kaka'ako campus.

10. Am I appropriate for your program?

Some examples of appropriate students for the MSCR and PhDCR programs may include:

- Clinicians
- ECFMG Graduates
- Medical professionals and scientists with US Domestic or equivalent training

11. Do you have funding available to students?

Currently, our program has no funding available to subsidize students during their training in our programs.

Please see UH Graduate Division's links:

- [Achievement Scholarships](#)
- [Funding Opportunities](#)

12. Do you have funding available to International Students

If funding does become available, it would not likely be available for international students as a condition of our federal funding sources.

13. What are some funding options for International Students?

Information related to funding for international students may be available here:

<http://www.hawaii.edu/issmanoa/Forms/GeneralFinancialInfo.pdf>

http://www.hawaii.edu/issmanoa/student_prospective.htm

<http://www.hawaii.edu/issmanoa/student.htm>

<http://www.hawaii.edu/admissions/aid.html>

14. I already have a Masters degree, do I qualify for the PhD in Clinical Research program?

In general, no, as the PhDCR has as a prerequisite, the curriculum offered by the MSCR program. The only accepted substitute for our MSCR curriculum is a degree from an accredited equivalent Masters in Clinical Research Program. A masters degree in another field of study would not provide the training needed to begin our PhDCR program.

15. Do I need to come to your campus in order to participate in these programs?

Yes, as distance education is not currently offered for our MSCR and PhDCR programs. The only course where occasional remote attendance is permitted via video or conference phone, is the Clinical Research Seminar. Students that would not be available to attend courses at our campus would not be eligible for acceptance to the programs.

16. How much time should I expect to spend each day while enrolled in these programs?

Courses are generally offered one day a week, for up to 8 hours. Students should also be prepared to commit the equivalent of 20 hours per week for research and study.

17. What if I can't take all of the courses one semester, or need to take time off?

Due to the way that courses are offered for these programs, as a two year cohort, it is necessary to register for all courses offered each semester. Inability to take courses as they are offered would result in the need to wait until the courses were offered again during the next cohort, up to two years later. It is necessary to maintain enrollment in the program(s) during every semester prior to graduation unless a leave properly is properly approved. It is important to be gain approval for any necessary leave promptly, in order to avoid being dismissed from Graduate Division, which would require re-application and associated fees in order to continue at a later date.

18. *Are there language requirements for admission to these programs?*

The MSCR and PhDCR programs require a minimum [TOEFL](#) or [IELTS](#) English Language Score as follows

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19. *Where is the program located, and where do I park?*

The address is:

- 651 Ilalo St., Medical Education Building (MEB), Honolulu, HI 96825

We are located at the:

- [University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine, which is at the Kaka'ako Campus](#)

Parking for those without faculty or staff permits is at parking Lot C for \$4 per day (subject to increase).

- [Click here for a Map](#)
- [Click here for Directions](#)
- [Click here to download PDF with Map and Directions](#)

20. *Do I have to take the GRE exam?*

The GRE exam can be waived in the cases of those with advanced post graduate degrees such as MD.

21. *When should I apply?*

Please check our web site for information on application acceptance.

22. *What if I already have a MS in some other field, and am interested in only a PhD in Clinical Research?*

An MS degree in another field would not provide the foundation needed to proceed directly with the PhDCR curriculum, so it is still necessary to take the courses that comprise our MSCR curriculum.

23. What if I already have an MS in Clinical Research, and am interested in only a PhD in Clinical Research from UH?

An MS from an equivalent accredited MS in Clinical Research Program from another University is reviewed by our admission committee, and can meet our prerequisites for admission into the PhD in Clinical Research Program.

24. What if I do not wish to pursue an MS, but only a PhD in Clinical Research?

The PhD in Clinical Research Program is an extension of our MS curriculum, so the MS courses are still required unless you already have an equivalent MS in Clinical Research Degree. The students in our program that choose to pursue only a PhD first take the courses from the MS program during the first year (3 semesters), and then continue with the PhD curriculum.

25. What is the difference between pursuing both an MSCR and PhD vs. only a PhD in Clinical Research?

Most of our students obtain both an MS and PhD in Clinical Research, although for those that chose only the PhD, the only difference in their curriculum is that they do not develop a masters thesis and take fewer research credits overall. The time required to obtain a PhD is 3-4 years, which is the same amount of time that most students complete both MS and PhD programs.

26. When is the PhD in Clinical Research Program offered and admitting new students?

The PhD curriculum is staggered so the course begin one year after the beginning of the MSCR curriculum, so while the MSCR Program is beginning a class in Fall 2011, the PhD Program would begin courses in Fall 2012.

27. When should I register to begin with next cohort of the PhD in Clinical Research Program?

- The foundational courses for the PhD program begin in Fall 2011. Students that **do not** have an MS in Clinical Research from an equivalent accredited program should apply for admission to the PhD Program for Fall 2011.

- Students that do have an MS in Clinical Research from an equivalent accredited MS in Clinical Research Program should apply for admission for Fall 2012. It is recommended that those interested in doing so would contact us with information regarding the curriculum from your MS in Clinical Research program before admission for Fall 2011, so that it can be reviewed by our committee to insure that all course requirements will be met. The courses specific to the PhD curriculum will begin in Fall 2012.