



## Research for Patients

# Doctorate in Medicine (MD)

Combining an experience in research with publishing articles

### OVERVIEW

FMH postgraduate training for physicians usually requires a Doctorate in Medicine and publishing in peer-reviewed journals. Basic and clinical research may also be considered as part of the FMH postgraduate training.

The Faculty of Biology and Medicine (FBM) of the University of Lausanne organizes a Doctorate in Medicine (MD) coordinated by the Doctoral School.

This track is open to physicians that hold a Master in Medicine or an equivalent degree. The MD program combines research activities with publishing articles that will be awarded with a Doctorate in Medicine.

### CAREER PROSPECTS

- Academia
- Biomedical research
- Biotechnology companies
- University and regional hospitals
- Pharmaceutical industry



### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Organizers

Doctoral School  
Faculty of Biology and Medicine

[www.unil.ch/ecoledoctoralefbm](http://www.unil.ch/ecoledoctoralefbm)

#### Degree Awarded

Doctorate in Medicine (MD)

#### Length

1 year or equivalent

#### Vice-Director

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#### Any questions?

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## TRAINING DESCRIPTION

### MD CANDIDATE

The future doctoral student starts looking for a thesis director working in a field of her/his interest.

### WHO CAN BE A THESIS DIRECTOR?

The MD student is under the supervision of a thesis director, who is either a full, titular or associate professor, or a senior scientist (also called MER) from the FBM Faculty.

Assistant and emeritus professors as well as privat-docents of the FBM and head physicians of the CHUV are eligible as thesis directors; however in these cases, a co-director is chosen among the full or associate professors of the Faculty.

### THE THESIS COMMITTEE

The thesis director, the thesis co-director (if necessary), the Doctoral School Director and the expert (appointed by the Doctoral School) constitute the thesis committee.

The expert is in charge of the doctoral thesis plan evaluation.

### SOME RECOMMENDATIONS

An MD thesis usually requires personal experimental work whose results may be published. It is strongly recommended to include one or more articles in English in the thesis manuscript. Articles should be published in a peer-reviewed journal and the MD student should be the first author.

It is strongly recommended for MD students to develop a research work in line with their FMH postgraduate training.

### THESIS SUBMISSION

To submit the thesis work to the MD Committee, it is necessary to have been officially registered as a MD student at UNIL during at least two semesters, that is, the manuscript may be submitted during the second semester. If the MD Committee considers the requirements fulfilled, the decision is then communicated to the doctoral student and the thesis director. Files must be sent to the MD Committee according to articles 7 and 8 of the FBM Rules ([www.unil.ch/edfbm](http://www.unil.ch/edfbm)).

### MD PROGRAM

In addition to thesis research, MD candidates must take part in a program and obtain 2 ECTS.

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### Requirements for admission

- to hold a Master in Medicine or an equivalent degree,
- to be registered at the UNIL and the Doctoral School

### Rules

[www.unil.ch/ecoledoctoralefbm](http://www.unil.ch/ecoledoctoralefbm)

### Registration deadline

You should submit your complete application to the Admissions Service :

Spring semester  
before 30 November  
Autumn semester  
before 31 July

For more information about the registration process, please consult:  
[www.unil.ch/immat](http://www.unil.ch/immat)

