School of Medical Science Honours

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MEDICAL SCIENCE
https://medicalsciences.med.unsw.edu.au/students/soms-honours/overview

Prior study requirement:
3 year full-time bachelor degree specialising in Anatomy, Pathology, Physiology, Pharmacology or other relevant science specialisation.

WAM requirement:
Minimum credit (65) weighted average mark (WAM) for overall degree, and a minimum credit (65) WAM for stage three (final year) relevant science subjects.

Project/supervisor allocation
The student is responsible for arranging a supervisor and project before applying for Honours. Prospective students are advised to consult the SOMS Honours website for the list of supervisors and their Honours research projects.

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What is honours?

- 4th year research based program (scientific internship)
- Work in a laboratory
- Learn how to undertake scientific research
  - Basic research skills
  - Critical thinking
  - Experimental design
  - Data collection/analysis/presentation
  - Proposal preparation
  - Communication of research
The road of the Honours year

Feb 2018

Literature review
Introductory seminar
Manuscript
Final seminar
Nov 2018
Support during your project

- Research skills (online activities)
- Mentor groups (under research themes)
- Supervisor support (all supervisors attend supervisor training)
- Support from fellow students
Overview of the Honours year

100% research

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- Literature review: 3000 words
- Introductory seminar: 10 mins talk plus 5 mins questions
- Project manuscript: 5000 words
- Final seminar: 12 min talk plus 8 mins questions

We have clear marking guides (rubrics) and experienced examiners
Finding a supervisor/things to consider

- Research interests (read some literature)
- Research project
- Research environment
- Your needs
  - How much supervision you need/desire?
  - Flexible project or well-defined project?
What do people do after honours?

- Research assistant
- Sales and marketing
- Medicine, law (patent), teaching, nursing
- Government jobs (police, forensics)
- Editing (journals, papers, media)
- Pharmaceutical companies (industry)
- Doctorial studies