The School of Public Health’s strong research culture attracts more than 100 research higher degree (RHD) students who are completing their Doctor of Philosophy or Master of Philosophy. The School offers a supportive but intensive research environment that prepares students to be successful and influential public health leaders.

RHD students work closely with their supervisors and participate fully in the School’s many research projects that reflect its strong links with national and international partners. Students engage in research across the spectrum of population health including tropical and infectious diseases; cancer prevention; alcohol, tobacco and other drugs; mental health; nutrition and women’s health.
Defining your research interest
Aspiring RHD students may already have a particular area of research interest. UQ and the School of Public Health are home to thousands of research experts and a large community of internationally renowned scholars and scientists. Students should consider their research interests and search for potential advisors for their research higher degree through these databases:
• UQ Researchers www.uq.edu.au/uqresearchers
• UQ Experts www.uq.edu.au/uqexperts

The School of Public Health also maintains a list of topics that are available as part of our existing research programs and projects.

Fees and funding
Domestic (Australian resident) students are not required to pay tuition fees during their degree. However, students will need to ensure that they can cover living costs – some scholarships are available which offer a living allowance.

International students are required to pay tuition fees for their degree. For more information about fees and living expenses, visit www.uq.edu.au/grad-school/future-students.

Scholarships
UQ offers a number of scholarships for both domestic and international students for fees and living allowance. Information on these is available at www.uq.edu.au/grad-school/scholarships-and-fees.

There are also a number of scholarships provided by external agencies, such as research foundations (e.g., Rotary Foundation, Asthma Foundation). They will be advertised and most have fixed dates for submission, usually once per year. They usually are available for Australian citizens or those with Australian residency.

World-leading expertise
The School’s RHD students are mentored by advisors who lead the world in their field of expertise. Research students also benefit from the School’s major public health projects with partners including the Wellcome Trust, Atlantic Philanthropies, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington, Harvard University and the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute.

Why choose UQ?
When you come to The University of Queensland your RHD experience will be enriched by first class services and facilities, flexible study options and exciting international opportunities.

Our students enjoy many benefits from our international reputation for teaching quality and our leading research, recently judged as amongst the world’s best by the Australian Research Council. UQ is Queensland’s oldest university and has won more teaching awards than any other Australian university.

How to apply
Once a student has an idea of their research topic, they are advised to contact the School Postgraduate Administration Officer or Coordinator to discuss the application process:

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