

PhD Application

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENT



1. ADMISSION REQUIREMENT

Please refer to our updated admission requirements [here](#).

It is highly recommended that you submit your Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) scores.

While GRE scores have become optional, please note that evidence of strong quantitative, verbal, and analytical skills through GRE scores, as well as indicators of research skills and experience, will significantly strengthen your application.

Additionally, having publications is essential. Therefore, those serious about pursuing a PhD should also consider publishing a paper based on your MScBIS project.

TOEFL / IELTS



2. TOEFL / IELTS

As a graduate of the MScBIS programme, you are not required to meet any language requirements for your application. However, if others inquire, the language requirements are as follows:

- TOEFL: Minimum $\geq 580/237/85$ for the paper-based, computer-based and internet-based tests respectively.
- IELTS: Minimum Overall ≥ 6.5

RESEARCH TOPIC /THESIS ADVISOR



3. RESEARCH TOPIC/THESIS ADVISOR

If you haven't identified your proposed THESIS ADVISOR from NUS Medicine yet:

- View the [Research Project List](#)
- You must reach out to your potential thesis advisor and obtain their approval & guidance for your research proposal. You may select one of the faculty members with BISI to be your main thesis advisor for conducting your research.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS



4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Please prepare all the [SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS](#) before submission:

- Download the application [CHECKLIST](#)

For part-time applicants applying for the Jan 2025 intake, please submit the supporting documents to the [NUS Graduate Admission System](#) (GDA2) before the deadline.

Please take note that we will be using the [new application system GDA3](#) for the Aug 2025 intake from October. Please check our website regularly around October.

APPLICATION DEADLINE



5. APPLICATION DEADLINE

Semester 1 (August intake)

- 31 December – for **full-time** candidates
- 30 April* – only for part-time candidates

Semester 2 (January intake)

- 30 June – for **full-time** candidates
- 30 September* – only for part-time candidates

SCHOLARSHIP



6. SCHOLARSHIP

Please see the available scholarships [here](#).

Do take note that our scholarships are only available for **full-time** applicants.

Tuition Fees

Full-time NUS staff are eligible to apply for the NUS PhD programme at no cost. Therefore, you have the option to graduate from the MScBIS programme, secure a full-time position in NUS, and then apply for the PhD once your employment has commenced.

If this is not your preferred route, you may find information about the annual tuition fees here: [gdtuitioncurrent.pdf \(nus.edu.sg\)](https://nus.edu.sg/gdtuitioncurrent.pdf)

Subsidies

The NUSMed PhD programme is subsidised by the MOE, allowing candidates to benefit from reduced fees, if they have not previously been enrolled in any PhD programme in Singapore.

Moreover, MOE and the SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG) has announced that, starting from 1 May 2024, Singaporeans aged 40 years and above who are enrolled in eligible programmes will be entitled to the [SkillsFuture Credit \(Mid-career\) Top-up](#) of \$4,000. Therefore, if a candidate is above 40 years old, this PhD programme qualifies for the SkillsFuture Credit top-up.

Course Credits

1. Graduation Requirements

Visit: [Programme Overview – NUS Medicine Graduate Studies | NUS Medicine Graduate Studies](#)

- PhD Programme: 24 Units in total, comprising of 2 core courses + 4 elective courses

2. Credit Transfer

Up to 50% of credits (or potentially more on a case-by-case basis) can be transferred from the MScBIS programme, subject to approval from the NUSMed Graduate Programme Committee (GPC). We will guide eligible students through the credit transfer process once they are enrolled in the PhD programme. Please note that all PhD applications undergo a stringent screening and selection process by the GPC.

Minimum Candidature

The minimum candidature period for the PhD programme is 18 months. However, you must apply for and pass the [PhD Qualifying exam \(PQE\)](#) after Semester 2, meaning the earliest you can take it is in the third semester. Therefore, a reasonable timeframe for completing the programme would be approximately 2 years, or 4 semesters.

Withdrawal from MSc Programme

1. Fee Refund Policy

Students who leave the University, either through withdrawal of their own accord or termination of candidature by the University, **after Instructional Week 2** of the semester will be liable to pay fees for the entire semester. Requests for refund will generally not be considered.

2. Credit Transfer

If you withdraw from the MSc programme after completing the first year, you will not be able to transfer any of the completed courses to the PhD programme. Credit transfer requires the full degree to be conferred.