

MD/PhD program, Faculty of Medicine, VU Amsterdam

- For whom:** Excellent students from the faculty of medicine VU Amsterdam, who start a PhD trajectory during the first year of their master's study of medicine
- Aim:** Engage as a medical master student in a PhD research track, follow both a medical and a research training and gain access to the courses and support offered by the coordinator of the MD/PhD program.
- When:** After completing your bachelor's degree, registering for the medical master program and entering a PhD research track.
- Timeframe:** MD/PhD students are required to obtain their master's degree before the thesis defense. When you obtain your master's degree, you are no longer an MD/PhD student
- To do:**
1. Check first if you qualify as MD/PhD student
 2. Contact the coordinator of the VU MD/PhD program to present and discuss your plans
 3. An interview will be planned to evaluate selection criteria and determine if registration is possible

Definitions or Tips:

As part of its talent policy, the faculty of medicine VU Amsterdam wants to facilitate students who show a strong interest in scientific research, in combining their medical studies with a PhD project.

The aim of the program is to encourage students to develop their talents in the field of medical scientific research and to prepare for a career as an academic physician-scientist.

Outstanding medical students with a strong commitment to research showing a strong performance during their scientific internship are occasionally offered a PhD position by their supervisors. If funding of the research project is available, the MD/PhD program facilitates these students to combine the PhD project with their master's degree in medicine. The MD/PhD program has been in place since September 2015.

The program does not offer a pre-defined structure or timeline, however individual trajectories are planned with each student, appropriate to (the phase of) the research, the master's program and according to the wishes of the student. Guidance, small grants for conference attendance, support, and elective workshops are offered.

Program coordinator of the MD/PhD program is dr. Inge van Wijk, coordinator of talent programs in the master's study of medicine, working in the Department of Pediatrics of Amsterdam UMC and the Institute for Education and Training of the faculty of medicine, VU Amsterdam.

In case you have any questions, send an email to MDPhDprogramma@vumc.nl.
For general information on the PhD track please check the [website of the Doctoral School](#).

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