

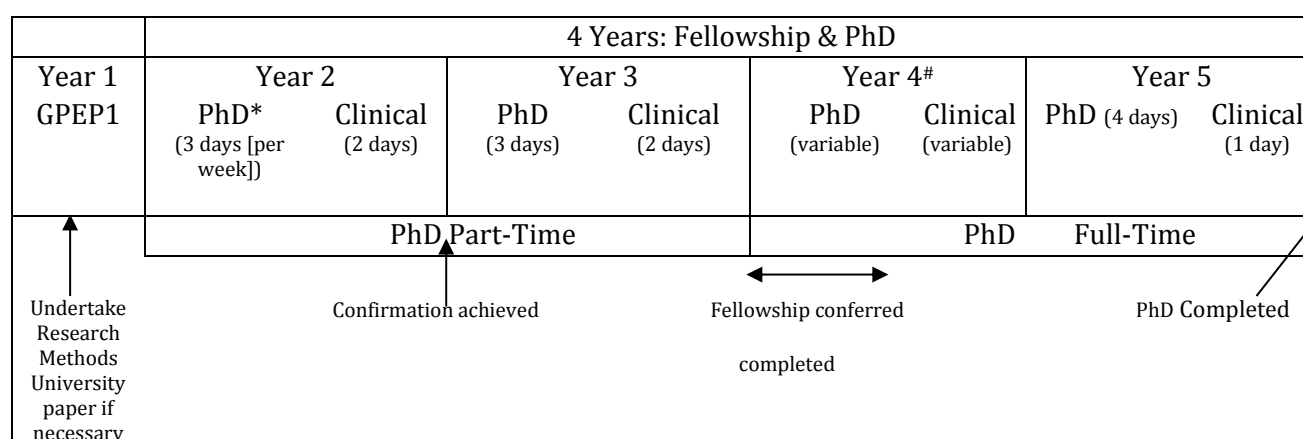
Guidelines on the University of Otago Academic General Practitioner Registrar Scholarship

Two pathway options exist for this Scholarship: the concurrent Fellowship and PhD pathway, and the post-Fellowship PhD pathway. For both pathways the University department will provide an appropriate supervisory team and the necessary PhD support. For the concurrent pathway, the RNZCGP will coordinate placement in a suitable, supportive clinical environment with a practising Fellow (or equivalent) on-site.

Concurrent Fellowship and PhD pathway

A broad overview of this pathway is shown schematically in Figure 1 and described below.

Figure 1: Concurrent Fellowship & PhD pathway



* PhD time includes attending the RNZCGP Fellowship Seminar Programme

For more detail see "Year 4" below

Years 2 and 3

Successful candidates will enter the PhD programme, part-time, at the beginning of year 2. This status will be maintained throughout years 2 and 3 with a level of clinical commitment that complies with the RNZCGP clinical requirements. The PhD candidature will proceed subject to official University 'confirmation' in line with the standard requirements at the end of year 2.

Milestones: Annual PhD self-review reports
Confirmation of PhD candidature (Year 2 only)
RNZCGP Conference presentation (Year 3 only)

Year 4

Overall, candidates will spend the majority of their time working on their PhD. Fellowship of the RNZCGP will be conferred when the candidate has fulfilled the requirements (within six months of the end of year 3). Candidates are required to spend 2 days a week in clinical practice until Fellowship is conferred. A smaller clinical commitment (1 day per week) following Fellowship attainment satisfies both the University's requirements for full-time student status and the RNZCGP/Medical Council's clinical requirements for completing/maintaining vocational registration.

Milestones: Fellowship conferred
Annual PhD self-review report
Annual Scholarship progress report
RNZCGP Conference presentation

Year 5

Candidates will spend the majority of their time working on their PhD; the thesis being submitted for examination at the end of year 5.

Milestones: Annual PhD self-review report
Final Scholarship progress report
RNZCGP Conference presentation
PhD thesis submitted

Post-Fellowship PhD pathway

There is greater flexibility for students who have already achieved Fellowship of the RNZCGP. Scholarship students could combine full- or part-time PhD study with a practice commitment in a way that best suited them. However, it is important to note that (i) full-time PhD candidates should be employed for no more than ten hours per week on average over a twelve month period and (ii) the maximum tenure of this Scholarship for any single student is five years.