

Deadline for receipt of all materials and intake: December 15 for September admission for students who wish to be considered for teaching assistantships, and departmental recommendation for Faculty of Health scholarships. Applications received after the December 15 cut-off are not eligible for PhD Health internal funding. Applications submitted by **June 1**, at the latest, will be considered for those who have the minimum funding of \$25,098 per year secured through their supervisor's grants/contracts and/or external scholarships for 4 years (5 years for those admitted to the 3-year residency).

This is a quick checklist for reference when applying for the PhD in Health program. Detailed information about applying for graduate programs can be found on the [Faculty of Graduate Studies](#) website and for the PhD in Health program on the [Faculty of Health](#) website.

Please note that documents must be submitted in the application system by email to the Program Specialist at phdhealth@dal.ca unless otherwise noted.

✓ **Faculty of Graduate Studies Application**

Potential students must create an account and apply through the [Dalhousie University Admission Application](#) portal.

✓ **Transcripts**

Official copies of the most recent bachelor's and master's degrees must be sent to the Program Specialist via email from the institution or institutions.

✓ **Confidential Reference Letters**

Referees will get an email prompting them to fill out an online form via the [Admission Application](#) portal.

✓ **English Language proficiency**

*Applicants for whom English is not their first language, or who have not completed post-secondary education in English, must provide proof of English language competency as follows: **minimum of 92 on TOEFL (Internet) or 7 on IELTS**. Original documents must be emailed/mailed directly from the testing site to the Program Specialist. This requirement is waived for any of the degrees that were completed in English in a country where English is an official language.*

✓ **Academic CV**

Applicants must provide an academic CV outlining educational and professional experience and/or community/leadership experience.

✓ **Letter of Support and Commitment from the proposed supervisor**

A supervisor, or two co-supervisors, must send a letter, or letters, indicating support for the applicant to the Program Specialist at phdhealth@dal.ca. Applicants are encouraged to view the [PhD in Health Faculty List](#) and to contact potential supervisors directly before applying. Supervisors are required to provide minimum funding of \$15,000/year for four years. Potential supervisors who do not appear on the PhD in Health Faculty list may apply for membership status with the program. Please contact the Program Specialist at phdhealth@dal.ca if this is the case.

✓ **Proposed Research and Support Plan:**

1. Description of the Proposed Research (1000 words/2 pages)

Describe your proposed research and demonstrate how you plan to complete your research project from start to finish.

2. Research Experience and Suitability for the Proposed Research (500 words)

Briefly describe how previous academic, research or leadership/extra-professional activities have prepared you for conducting the proposed research.

3. Funding Plan

The yearly minimum funding expectation for PhD in Health students is \$12,000 plus fees and tuition each year for the duration of the program. Applicants are responsible for making every attempt to secure scholarship funding prior to admission to the program. Applicants should provide a list of doctoral scholarships which includes the name, amount and duration of each award received and applied for (with decisions pending).

4. Training Expectation and Mentorship Plan (500 words)

The described agreed upon expectations, supports, and resources necessary to facilitate the applicant's program trajectory, research and/or leadership development. This should be completed with the input of the proposed supervisor and then sent to the Program Specialist via email at phdhealth@dal.ca. This document should be completed in consultation with your supervisor.

✓ Evidence of Independent Research (non-thesis master's degree applicants only) (500 words)

Those applying with a non-thesis master's degree who wish to be considered for the two-year residency program are required to demonstrate evidence of independent research. These applicants should include a letter requesting admission to the two-year program and provide a list of contributions and documents of support as appropriate.

Please direct questions about the application process to the PhD Health Program Specialist at phdhealth@dal.ca or 902-494-7809.

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