Introduction

The DDS / Oral Health Sciences PhD Program at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry is designed for outstanding students who aspire to a career in academic dentistry with a focus on conducting research related to oral health. Through the dual degree program, a small number of exceptional students can pursue the DDS and the PhD in Oral Health Sciences (OHS) concurrently. The minimum program length is 7 years.

Within the OHS Program, the student can select among areas of research emphasis that include:

- developmental craniofacial biology
- mineralized tissue biology
- musculoskeletal disorders
- oral and pharyngeal cancer
- oral infectious and immunologic diseases
- oral sensory systems, pain and central circuits
- tissue engineering and regeneration

Oral Health Sciences Faculty:
To find out more about the OHS Faculty and their research, please visit the OHS Faculty website or the link to faculty labs at Dentistry at: media.dent.umich.edu/labs/

Students who embark on the DDS / PhD Program are breaking new ground in dental career patterns. A dual degree program is not for everyone; however, for those who successfully matriculate and complete DDS / PhD dual degrees, there is an exciting future in the continued combination of pursuing clinical dentistry and the science of oral health.

Application Process for DDS/PhD Program

To be considered for the DDS/PhD dual degree program, students must be admitted to both the DDS Program and the Oral Health Sciences (OHS) PhD Program. The following is a guide to assist you with the application process.

- Send a letter of intent to pursue the DDS/PhD program to dent-ohsphd@umich.edu
  - Provide a current CV or resume.
- Apply to Rackham School of Graduate Studies (for OHS Program) by October 31st
  - Requires: curriculum vitae (CV), academic statement of purpose, personal statement, three letters of recommendation and transcripts.
- Be invited to campus visit for DDS Program
- Competitive applicants will be invited to interview for the PhD program
## DDS/Oral Health Sciences PhD Dual Degree Program

### Contact Information:
- **OHS PhD Program:** [dent.umich.edu/phd](http://dent.umich.edu/phd)
- **EMAIL:** dent-ohsphd@umich.edu
- **PHONE:** 734/615-1970
- **DDS Program Admissions Office:** [dent.umich.edu/admissions](http://dent.umich.edu/admissions)
- **Rackham School for Graduate Studies:** [rackham.umich.edu](http://rackham.umich.edu)

### Outline of Progression:

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| **Summer before Year 1** | OHS Research Rotation 1  
Selected DDS course participation  
Biostatistics |
| **Fall of Year 1** | PhD courses  
Selected DDS course participation  
Research Rotation 2  
OHS Seminar Series and Journal Club |
| **Winter of Year 1** | PhD courses  
Selected DDS course participation  
Research Rotation 3  
OHS Seminar Series and Journal Club |
| **Spring/summer before Year 2** | Continued Research Rotation 3  
Fall of Year 2  
Precandidate Research  
PhD courses  
Selected DDS course participation  
OHS Seminar Series and Journal Club  
Identify PhD Dissertation Advisor  
Conduct precandidate research  
Winter of Year 2  
PhD courses  
Selected DDS course participation  
Continue precandidate research  
Preliminary exam  
OHS Seminar Series and Journal Club  
Spring/summer before Year 3  
Advance to candidacy / Candidate research  
Year 3  
Selected DDS course participation  
OHS Seminar Series and Journal Club  
PhD Dissertation Research  
Year 4  
First year DDS courses  
Clinical dentistry  
OHS Seminar Series and Journal Club  
PhD Dissertation Research  
Years 5  
Second year DDS courses  
Continue clinical dentistry  
PhD Dissertation Research  
OHS Seminar Series and Journal Club  
Years 6  
Third year DDS courses  
Continue clinical dentistry  
PhD Dissertation Research  
OHS Seminar Series and Journal Club  
Year 7  
Fourth year DDS courses  
Clinical dentistry  
PhD Dissertation Research  
OHS Seminar Series and Journal Club  
Year 8  
Candidate Research  
OHS Seminar Series and Journal Club  
Defense |