**PhD Inquires**

The PhD in the Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health is a doctorate by research dissertation. It does not provide any further clinical qualification (the training of a psychiatrist is very different from a research training in the field of psychiatry).

To have a sense of what is entailed by a research dissertation it would be useful to obtain previous dissertations from the UCT library. A rough guide is that a PhD is the equivalent of 4-5 publications in peer-reviewed journals.

From a practical perspective, a first key step is to find a staff member who is willing to supervise. Relatedly, a first key consideration is whether the student’s research ideas and interests fit in with the supervisor’s work. It is useful therefore to get a sense of which staff members are doing what research: the Departmental website is a good starting point.