

OHS PhD Program

Mission:

The primary objective is to train outstanding students to become leaders in academic research in the field of oral health science.

Academic Programs

- **Master's** – this one-year program is intended to prepare students to acquire skills and knowledge necessary for a competitive dental school application, a competitive application to a PhD training program, or employment in a research laboratory
- **DDS/PhD** – accepting individuals with a BS or MS to pursue dental education and a PhD in Oral Health Sciences (eligibility: US citizens and permanent residents)
- **PhD** – accepting individuals with a BS, MS and/or DDS or equivalent degree to pursue PhD training
- **Dental Specialty PhD Program (DSPP)** – accepting individuals with a DDS whose intent is to pursue a combined dental specialty and doctoral degree in Oral Health Science (eligibility: US citizens and permanent residents)

Oral Health Sciences Programs

Facts | Figures

- 1994 | PhD Program Founded
- 2021 | Master's Program Founded
- 56 | PhD Graduates in 2024-2025
- 17 | PhD Students in 2024-2025
- 13 | Masters Students in 2024-2025
- 2 | Year Average Time to PhD Candidacy
- Avg time to degree (years):
 - 5-6 | PhD
 - 6-7 | Specialty/PhD (MS/PhD)
 - 7-8 | DDS/PhD
 - 1 | Master's Program

OHS Program Faculty: 39

Tissue Engineering and Regeneration Training Grant funded by National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research is in its 48th year
(PI: Dr. David Kohn and Dr. Jan Hu)

PhD Student Achievements

- 84% | Students are publishing
- 1.6 | Average publications per student in 2021-2022
- 9 | National meeting presentations

Alumni

What are OHS PhD graduates doing?

- 58% Faculty
- 9% Business
- 7% Postdoc/Residency
- 16% Practice
- 9% Other

Program Directors

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We will be opening the applications process for the 2026 admissions cycle in Fall, 2025.

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OHS MS Program



FAQ for MS Admissions



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U-M Dental School Education



Prospective Student Interest Form



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