

Section C: Research FAQs

I already have a PhD and/or FRCPATH part 2, do I still need to do Section C?

Yes, even though you may not be doing the full DClinSci either because your PhD has been approved by the NSHCS or because you are doing FRCPATH Part 2, you will still be required to undertake an extended innovation proposal and give a lay talk to fulfil the requirements to be eligible for the HSSR.

How do I know who my supervisor will be?

You will have a workplace supervisor and an academic supervisor. When you submit the proforma for Section C, you will need to nominate a workplace supervisor. As part of your proforma approval process, a suitable academic supervisor will be allocated to you, and you will be notified alongside your project approval. Please note: your workplace supervisor does not necessarily need to be the same as your training officer. If you are struggling to find a suitable workplace supervisor we suggest you speak to your Programme Director.

When will the oral presentation be?

The universities will co-ordinate the date setting with different specialisms to try and avoid any major conferences etc. Please contact your Section C programme administrator to find out the date of your oral presentation. If you are unsure of who your programme administrator is, please email admin@mahse.co.uk

Why is there a delay between the written submission and the oral presentation?

It is designed so that you receive feedback on your written work ahead of delivering your oral presentation. This means that if you wish to make minor adjustments ahead of presenting your work, you can do so.

Will I receive a mark for Section C?

During Year 3, you will be required to submit a literature review and give a lay talk related to your Research Project; **you must pass both of these components** if you are to progress with the thesis of your Research Project. Your thesis for the Research Project will be marked in a similar way to a PhD e.g. awarded, awarded with minor amendments etc. You will not receive Merits or Distinctions for your work. However, you will receive feedback which should indicate to you how well you have passed each area.

Alternatively, if you are not completing the full DClinSci and are doing an extended innovation proposal and giving a lay talk; you must still pass both of these components in order to be eligible for the HSSR.

How does the Research Project fit in with FRCPATH Part 2 exams?

The Royal College of Pathologists will accept the DClinSci thesis in a relevant specialty as the written component for the FRCPATH Part 2.

If you already have a PhD or FRCP Path Part 2, you **cannot** use this to fulfil the research component of the DClinSci. In order for your University to award the DClinSci, you must have completed a research project undertaken within and as part of the award. Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) cannot be applied to research.