

Doctor of Philosophy (DPHD) - PhD

CRICOS code (International applicants): 031453C

	On-campus	Distance education
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (March) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (March) Semester 2 (July)
Campus:	Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place Research training scheme (RTS)	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place Research training scheme (RTS)
Standard duration:	Can be studied full-time or part-time (full-time candidates normally complete in 3 years).	

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Program focus

This is a research degree offered by all faculties. It provides students with training to become an effective and competent researcher in their discipline of interest.

Program aims

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) is a University-wide degree coordinated by the Research and Higher Degrees Committee of the [Academic Board](#) and supervised by staff from Faculties/Divisions.

Admission requirements

The normal requirements for entry to the degree are either a bachelor degree with First Class Honours or Second Class Honours (Division A) or equivalent, or a masters degree (with a research component) or other qualifications equivalent to First Class Honours, together with evidence of professional standing. Normally, all students will be enrolled as provisional candidates, with their status being reviewed within 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time enrolment. The degree is based on supervision by a principal and an associate supervisor, therefore it is essential that intending candidates clarify their topic for research and seek an academic staff member able to provide supervision. Application forms and advice on procedures for enrolment may be obtained from the [Office of Research and Higher Degrees](#). Intending students are advised to allow several months for discussion with potential supervisors and for consideration of the application prior to the commencement of the program.

How to apply

Domestic students

[Application for postgraduate programs](#) may be made directly to USQ.

Program fees

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Research training scheme (RTS)

The Research Training Scheme (RTS) provides Commonwealth-funded higher degree by research (HDR) students with an 'entitlement' to an exemption from course fees for the equivalent of four years full-time study in an accredited HDR program. If a student's RTS entitlement expires before they have completed their program they will be required to pay full tuition fees. As there may be limited RTS places available, some students may be required to pay fees for all or part of their program. The USQ [Office of Research and Higher Degrees](#) will advise students of their eligibility for an RTS place.

Program structure

This is a research degree with a minimum period of three years for full-time candidature and five years for part-time candidature.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 4 years (Full-time) or 8 years (Part-time) to complete this program.

Recommended enrolment pattern - Full-time

Mathematics, Arts, Business, Education or Nursing

Full-time candidates undertaking research in Mathematics, Arts, Business, Education or Nursing should enrol in [RES9502 Doctor of Philosophy Studies Full-Time Maths, Arts, Business, Educ or Nursing](#) - Full-Time for each semester of their candidature. This will normally be for a total of six semesters. (Some faculties may require a student to undertake a number of specific courses. They should discuss this with the Faculty.)

Biology, Engineering, Physics or Psychology

Full-time candidates undertaking research in Biology, Engineering, Physics or Psychology should enrol in [RES9503 Doctor of Philosophy Studies Full-Time Biology, Engine'g, Physics or Psychology](#) - Full-Time for each semester of their candidature. This will normally be for a total of six semesters.

Recommended enrolment pattern - Part-time

Mathematics, Arts, Business, Education or Nursing

Part-time candidates undertaking research in Mathematics, Arts, Business, Education or Nursing should enrol in [RES9500 Doctor of Philosophy Studies Part-Time Maths, Arts, Business, Educ or Nursing](#) - Part-Time for each semester of their candidature. This will normally be for a total of 10 semesters.

Biology, Engineering, Physics or Psychology

Part-time candidates undertaking research in Biology, Engineering, Physics or Psychology should enrol in [RES9501 Doctor of Philosophy Studies Part-Time Biology, Engine'g, Physics or Psychology](#) - Part-time for each semester of their candidature. This will normally be for a total of 10 semesters.