USQ
Postgraduate
Guide
2021
‘Our graduates have the highest full-time employment rate for postgraduate students in Queensland.¹

We enable this by providing a quality, workplace-ready education which is tailored to the needs of our students in a flexible and supportive learning environment.’

Professor Geraldine Mackenzie
Vice-Chancellor

On the cover: Be part of industry transformation and join USQ researchers leading the way to develop solutions to distinguish weeds and other agricultural challenges faced by the growers on the ground.


USQ acknowledges the Giabal and Jarowir peoples of the Toowoomba area, the Jagera, Yugarra and Jipangoul peoples of Ipswich and Springfield, the Kambuwal peoples of Stanthorpe, and the Gadigal peoples of the Eora nation, Sydney, as the keepers of ancient knowledge where USQ campuses and hubs have been built, and whose cultures and customs continue to nurture this land. USQ also pays respect to Elders – past, present and future.
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Why USQ?

With a global outlook and reputation for research excellence, USQ delivers future-focussed degrees to ensure you graduate career ready.

#1 in Queensland for postgraduate full-time employment\(^1\)

30 areas of research at USQ recognised as world standard or better\(^2\)

50+ national and international industry partners to collaborate with

100,000+ alumni to connect and engage with

115+ study disciplines to choose from

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1. Good Universities Guide, 2021
2. Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) National Report, 2018
Be inspired by globally recognised research

The University of Southern Queensland is a research-intensive university delivering innovative solutions to real-world problems.

Our researchers are working directly with local communities, industry and our international partners to deliver tangible benefits and real impact. From supersonic rocket engines to regional cancer survival; forging ahead in agriculture advancement with driverless tractors to pioneering the future of space exploration and playing a pivotal role in the universal hunt for habitable planets, at USQ, we are committed to research that creates real and impactful change for our dynamic world.

Our areas of research focus include:

- Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences
- Astronomical and Space Sciences
- Biological Sciences
- Chemical Sciences, Civil Engineering, Clinical Sciences, Crop and Pasture Production
- Engineering, Environmental Science and Management Environmental Sciences
- Historical Studies, Human Movement and Sports Science
- Information and Computing Sciences, Information Systems, Inorganic Chemistry
- Macromolecular and Materials Chemistry, Manufacturing Engineering, Materials Engineering, Mathematical Sciences, Mechanical Engineering, Medical and Health Sciences, Microbiology
- Numerical and Computational Mathematics, Nursing, Nutrition and Diетetics
- Physical Sciences, Psychology, Psychology and Cognitive Sciences, Public Health and Health Services.

USQ’s world-class research institutes, centres and faculties are home to unique state-of-the-art facilities enabling our researchers to deliver a broad range of research outcomes across multiple disciplines.

Learn more about our cutting-edge USQ research
usq.edu.au/research

Industry collaborations
We are proud to partner with recognised leaders to drive research in industry.
Postgraduate study – invest in yourself

Be empowered in a changing world
With so much out of our control in this time of uncertainty, invest in the certainty of development and education. Prepare for the future and empower yourself in an ever-changing world. Benefit and gain confidence from the motivation of knowledge, not just to achieve within your career, but to enable yourself to achieve both personally and professionally, create options and pursue possibility.

Prepare for a career change
Whether you’re looking for that promotion, or want to change professions entirely, postgraduate study gives you the skills to make the move.

Increase your earnings
Research shows that your investment pays off. The median salary of undergraduates employed full-time in 2019 was $62,600 per year, while for postgraduate research graduates it was $90,0001.

Networking opportunities
A well-connected postgraduate student is going to be able to establish a connection and stand out in a crowd of applicants. Networking allows you to make connections, but also understand more about industry, possibility, opportunity and growth.

Up-skill and excel
Postgraduate study helps you to work your way up the corporate ladder. Research shows that 97 percent of postgraduate coursework graduates and 93 percent of postgraduate research graduates employed full-time are working in managerial and professional occupations, in comparison with 72 percent of undergraduates2.

At USQ, it’s easier than ever for you fit study into your life. Studying online allows you the freedom to get a qualification whenever and wherever is most convenient for you. Have you considered how online study could work for you?

Shape your online degree to suit you
Study the way that suits you. From a masters degree, to a diploma you can choose to study part-time. Talk to the team at USQ about what study level could fit you.

We’re the online learning experts
In an ever-changing world environment, you need to know you’ve got the support behind you to succeed. At USQ, we’ve got decades of experience at delivering online learning in a dynamic way and supporting you at every stage. We keep you connected and motivated via your StudyDesk where you can discuss your course material with your lecturer and classmates online and provide support for student health, wellbeing and career development.

Yes, you can still study a degree involving practical work, online
Have your heart set on a degree, like psychology or science, but want to study from home? You can! We call this external study. As well as completing your online study, it simply requires you to attend residential schools, where you come to a USQ campus to participate in practical components necessary for you to graduate.

Graduate with the same renowned degree, regardless of your mode of study
Whether you’ve studied online or on-campus, you’ll graduate with the same qualification and be ready to chase your career goals.

Get more details at usq.edu.au/online

1,2 2019 Graduate Outcomes Survey National Report
# Which degree is right for me?

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<td><strong>Is this the right degree for me?</strong></td>
<td>I have an undergraduate degree and want to learn something new.</td>
<td>I have a wealth of professional experience. (Remember: you can also choose to continue on to a masters degree and may receive credit for successfully completed graduate certificate courses.)</td>
<td>I want to build upon existing expertise.</td>
<td>I want to complete coursework and research projects that are directly applicable to my workplace.</td>
<td>I would like to make significant and meaningful contributions to my profession and new knowledge through innovative and novel research.</td>
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<td><strong>What qualifications do I need to get in?</strong></td>
<td>Bachelor degree</td>
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<td>Bachelor degree with First Class or Second Class (Division A) honours</td>
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<td><strong>How long does this degree take to complete?</strong></td>
<td>6 months full-time or part-time equivalent (4 units).</td>
<td>1 year full-time or part-time equivalent (8 units).</td>
<td>1–2 years full-time or part-time equivalent (8–16 units).</td>
<td>3 years full-time or part-time equivalent (24 units).</td>
<td>3–4 years full-time or part-time equivalent (16–32 units; normally 24).</td>
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**Did you know?**

- I would like to complete coursework and research projects that are directly applicable to my workplace.
- I want to complete postgraduate study with USQ at a pace that suits your lifestyle.
- The Doctor of Philosophy is the highest-level degree awarded by a university or other approved educational organisations.

If you want to find out more information about USQ’s postgraduate degrees, chat to us about your options!

**usq.edu.au/postgrad**

**1800 269 500**

**study@usq.edu.au**

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1. You may choose to enrol in a masters (coursework) degree, which has the option of exiting out at graduate certificate equivalence; or graduate diploma equivalence; or you may request deferral or a leave of absence during your masters (coursework) degree.
2. Note that this a general guide only. Some degrees may have alternate or additional entry requirements to the ones stated here. Please visit usq.edu.au/study for information specific to your chosen degree.
3. As approved and deemed appropriate upon application.
4. This is a general duration guide. Some degrees may only have a part-time offering.
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| Master of Aviation          | Aviation Human Factors, Aviation Management | Start: February, July  
Study mode: Online  
Duration: 1.5 years full-time | Gain specialised cognitive and technical knowledge that enables you to independently analyse, critically reflect on and synthesise complex information, problems, concepts and theories in an aviation context. Apply established theories to a range of contexts, while planning and executing a substantial research-based project or capstone experience within the aviation industry.  
Further study pathway: Doctor of Philosophy |
| Graduate Diploma of Aviation| Aviation Human Factors, Aviation Management | Start: February, July  
Study mode: Online  
Duration: 1 year full-time | The Aviation Management specialisation will provide advanced knowledge of management and business principles, enabling you to critically examine, generate and communicate information relevant to aviation. The Aviation Human Factors specialisation offers the opportunity to develop critical, evaluative knowledge within the areas of aviation human factors and safety systems.  
Further study pathway: Master of Aviation |
| Graduate Certificate of Aviation | Aviation Human Factors, Aviation Management | Start: February, July  
Study mode: Online  
Duration: 0.5 year full-time | Our Graduate Certificate of Aviation provides a thorough understanding of the principles and concepts of the aviation system. It’s suitable for you if you are working within the aviation industry without a tertiary qualification or have studied an unrelated degree previously. Be introduced to the components of the aircraft, human factors and safety, support and enabling processes, and much more.  
Further study pathway: Graduate Diploma of Aviation, Master of Aviation |

Interested in pursuing research within Aviation? See pages 40–41 for more info.
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<td>USQ’s Master of Professional Accounting helps you to achieve your goal of becoming a professional accountant. Study topics, such as strategic management accounting, corporate law, corporate finance, accounting information systems, corporate governance and social responsibility. The emphasis of this degree is on developing technical and analytical skills that will prepare you thoroughly for the accounting profession. Professional accreditation: Graduates will meet the educational entrance requirements of CPA Australia, and Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ). This provides Associate membership of CPA Australia, eligibility to study the CPA Australia professional exams and eligibility to study the CAANZ professional exams. Successful completion of the Master of Professional Accounting can qualify students for exemptions from the Fundamental level (9 papers) of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) exams. For further details, please refer to the ACCA website.</td>
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<td>Master of Business Administration</td>
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<td>USQ’s ground-breaking new Master of Business Administration degree will transform the managers of today into the leaders of tomorrow. Future organisational success depends on executives who not only thrive in dynamic and disruptive environments, but who can rise above the noise, face uncomfortable truths, crack the code and get things done. The problem-based learning design of USQ’s Master of Business Administration provides opportunities to develop the skills and capabilities to convert thinking from the operational to the strategic, providing a platform from which to jump into executive roles in regional, national or international organisations. Further study pathway: Doctor of Business Administration</td>
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<td>Graduate Diploma of Business</td>
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<td>Utilise this degree as a stepping stone in developing your strategic leadership and management skills. The Graduate Diploma of Business Administration allows you to experience key elements required to become more than an operational manager. Apply business and leadership knowledge to a range of real-life contexts through problem-based assessment scenarios. Once you successfully complete this degree, if you meet the entry requirements, you will be offered the option to articulate to the Master of Business Administration. Further study pathway: Master of Business Administration</td>
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<td>Be given an introduction into the impact and competitive advantage formal education, within strategic leadership and management, can have within your career. Learn more about thinking strategically, through experiential learning curriculum and engaging with industry representatives. Upon completion of this degree, if you meet the entry requirements, you will be offered the option to articulate to the Graduate Diploma of Business Administration and, dependent on outcomes, further to the Master of Business Administration. Further study pathway: Graduate Diploma of Business Administration, Master of Business Administration</td>
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<td>Make your next rewarding career move with USQ’s Master of Business and Innovation. Choose from two specialisations that will broaden your knowledge, enhance your expertise and complement your career ambitions. The third component of your studies will be a research project expanding your knowledge in innovative business and entrepreneurship. Further study pathway: Doctor of Business Administration, Doctor of Philosophy</td>
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<td>Master of Business and Innovation</td>
<td>Big Data and Visualisation, Crisis Management, Digital Transformation, Enterprise</td>
<td>Start: February, July, November</td>
<td>Do you want to deliver innovative solutions using advanced skills in project management? Developed in conjunction with industry, the Australian Institute of Project Management, and the Project Management Institute, USQ’s Master of Project Management will provide you with the skills and knowledge to be a leader in the field of project management. Further study pathway: Doctor of Business Administration, Doctor of Philosophy</td>
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<td>Master of Project Management</td>
<td>Emergency and Disaster Communication, Project Leadership, Property Development,</td>
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<td>and Management, or a specialisation from Master of Business and Innovation</td>
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## Business & Management

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Study mode: Toowoomba, Springfield, Online  
Duration: 1 year full-time | With a wide range of specialisations, or the ability to tailor a degree to suit your interests, USQ's Graduate Diploma of Business gives you the opportunity to align your study interests to areas that best support your business career aspirations. The Graduate Diploma of Business' flexibility also provides you with the option to choose two specialisations.  
**Professional accreditation:** Project Management Institute (PMI) for the Project Management specialisation.  
**Further study pathway:** Master of Adaptive Leadership, Master of Business and Innovation, Master of Project Management. |

| **Graduate Certificate of Business** | • General specialisation, or  
Study mode: Toowoomba, Springfield, Online  
Duration: 0.5 year full-time | Expand your career prospects with a postgraduate qualification. This degree is designed to help you advance in your workplace with a postgraduate qualification, or be the first step on the road to a masters degree.  
**Professional accreditation:** Project Management Institute (PMI) for the Project Management specialisation, which is endorsed by the Australian Institute of Project Management (AIPM).  
**Further study pathway:** With the named specialisations: Master of Adaptive Leadership, Master of Business and Innovation, Master of Project Management, Master of Information Systems, Master of Professional Accounting. |

### Diversity Management

| **Graduate Certificate of Workforce Diversity and Inclusion** |  
| **Start:** February, July  
**Study mode:** Online  
**Duration:** 1 year part-time | Today’s work environment requires highly-skilled leaders to develop inclusive workplaces. Perfect for human resources practitioners and managers, this unique degree will teach you the strategies and practices needed to manage successful and seamless inclusion in your workplace, which are highly valued skills in contemporary organisations. |

### Leadership

| **Master of Adaptive Leadership** |  
| **Start:** February, July, November  
**Study mode:** Online  
**Duration:** 2 years full-time, up to 6 years part-time | Developed with leading industry and government partners, this degree is designed for any senior leader, middle leader or emerging leader, across both industry and government. With a focus on practical application and work-integrated learning, it enables graduates to emerge with a toolbox of highly relevant leadership practices equipping the next generation of world-class leaders. |

| **Graduate Certificate of Leadership and Coaching** |  
| **Start:** February, July  
**Study mode:** Springfield, Online  
**Duration:** 1 year part-time | Learn how to be a leader in applied work contexts. Understand more about how to practise mentoring and coaching, and how to lead change. In an increasingly complex world, you will learn about the psychology of the leader’s mind, and how to cultivate and create excellent leadership practices. You will emerge with a highly relevant toolbox of leadership practices.  
**Further study pathway:** Master of Adaptive Leadership. |

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**Interested in pursuing research within Business & Management?**  
See pages 40–41 for more info.  

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| Master of Education¹                | Education: General, Leadership, General Guidance and Counselling, Special Education, STEM Education, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)² | Start: February, July, November  | Educators play a vital role in developing the capacity of citizens to use knowledge to learn, develop and participate in our contemporary world. The Master of Education extends your expertise, helping you to become a leader in education within your chosen specialisation.  
**Professional accreditation:** The Career Development specialisation is endorsed by the Career Industry Council of Australia as a qualification for the status of professional career development practitioner from the Professional Standards for Australian Career Development Practitioners.  
Further study pathway: Master of Education  

Graduate Diploma of Education¹      | Education: General, Guidance and Counselling, Special Education, STEM Education, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)² | Start: February, July, November  | The Graduate Certificate of Education gives you an innovative credential in teaching and learning, complementing the degree you already have. This flexible degree allows you to select courses that best advance your applied knowledge in relation to your career.  
Graduates of the Master of Learning and Teaching (Early Years) are eligible to apply to the Queensland College of Teachers for teacher registration.  
**Professional accreditation:** The Career Development specialisation is endorsed by the Career Industry Council of Australia as a qualification for the status of professional career development practitioner from the Professional Standards for Australian Career Development Practitioners.  
Further study pathway: Graduate Diploma of Education, Master of Education  

Graduate Certificate of Education¹  | Education: Educational Contexts, Educational Leadership, General, Special Education, Curriculum, STEM Education, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)² | Start: February, July, November  | The Graduate Certificate of Professional Studies is specifically designed for professionals to develop their skills and gain a postgraduate qualification while maintaining their current employment position. Combine your studies with projects and research in your professional field, benefiting for both you and your workplace.  
Graduates of the Master of Learning and Teaching (Early Years) are eligible to apply to the Queensland College of Teachers for teacher registration.  
**Further study pathway:** Master of Professional Studies (Research)  

**Professional Studies**       |                                                                                  |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Graduate Certificate of Professional Studies |                                                                                  | Start: February, July, November  | The Graduate Certificate of Professional Studies is specifically designed for professionals to develop their skills and gain a postgraduate qualification while maintaining their current employment position. Combine your studies with projects and research in your professional field, benefiting for both you and your workplace.  
Graduates of the Master of Learning and Teaching (Early Years) are eligible to apply to the Queensland College of Teachers for teacher registration.  
**Further study pathway:** Master of Professional Studies (Research)  

**Teaching**                                      |                                                                                  |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Master of Learning and Teaching (Early Years)  |                                                                                  | Start: February, July  | If you have a bachelor degree in any field other than education and want to become a registered teacher specialising in the development and care of children from birth to eight years, USQ's Master of Learning and Teaching (Early Years) will get you there. Through 75 days of supervised professional experience placements, you'll be equipped with a comprehensive understanding of education designed to give children a strong start in their learning development.  
Graduates of the Master of Learning and Teaching (Early Years) are eligible to apply to the Queensland College of Teachers for teacher registration.  
**Further study pathway:** Master of Learning and Teaching (Primary)  

Master of Learning and Teaching (Primary)          |                                                                                  | Start: February, July  | If you have a bachelor degree in a field other than education and want to become a registered primary teacher, the Master of Learning and Teaching (Primary) is for you. Gain an extensive understanding of primary school teaching through 60 days of supervised professional experience placements and work-integrated service learning.  
Graduates of the Master of Learning and Teaching (Primary) are eligible to apply to the Queensland College of Teachers for teacher registration.  
**Further study pathway:** Master of Learning and Teaching (Secondary)  

Master of Learning and Teaching (Secondary)        |                                                                                  | Start: February, July  | A Master of Learning and Teaching (Secondary) will equip you with the teaching methods, knowledge and confidence to work, inspire and educate adolescents and young adults. If you have a bachelor degree in a field other than education, this degree enables you to become a registered secondary school teacher in two teaching areas, based on your previous tertiary qualifications. Gain an extensive understanding of secondary school teaching through 60 days of supervised professional experience placements and work-integrated service learning.  
Graduates of the Master of Learning and Teaching (Secondary) are eligible to apply to the Queensland College of Teachers for teacher registration.  
**Further study pathway:** Master of Learning and Teaching (Primary)  

**Interested in pursuing research within Education & Teaching? See pages 40–41 for more info.**

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¹ Please note, this degree does not qualify graduates for teacher registration. For those wishing to gain teacher registration, see the Master of Learning and Teaching (Early Years), Master of Learning and Teaching (Primary), or Master of Learning and Teaching (Secondary).  
² For domestic students, places within this specialisation are supported by Commonwealth funding.
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<td>Master of Arts</td>
<td>Corporate Communication, Creative Arts, Editing and Publishing, Humanities and Communication</td>
<td>Start: February, July, Study mode: Toowoomba, Online, Duration: 1.5 years full-time</td>
<td>Study coursework in theory and develop advanced skills in your specialised area of study. You will complete a supervised dissertation or project work that will demonstrate your capacity for study or research in a subject that interests you.</td>
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<td>Master of Editing and Publishing</td>
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<td>Start: February, Study mode: Online, Duration: 1.5 years full-time</td>
<td>Extend your current qualifications and editing skill set with USQ’s Master of Editing and Publishing. Graduate with the know-how to enter industry at a management and executive level, by immersing yourself in discipline-based coursework, industry connections and research training.</td>
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<td>Graduate Diploma of Editing and Publishing</td>
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<td>Start: February, Study mode: Toowoomba, Online, Duration: 1 year full-time</td>
<td>Develop the skills to make a mark on the modern world of publishing. In addition to enhancing your editing and writing skills, learn book project management, book marketing and how to manage your own freelance editing or publishing business. Further study pathway: Master of Arts (Editing and Publishing), Master of Editing and Publishing</td>
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<td>Graduate Certificate of Professional Communication</td>
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<td>Start: February, July, Study mode: Online, Duration: 1 year part-time</td>
<td>Successful companies need effective communicators. Effective communication is essential in any organisation and a skill which employers highly value. USQ’s Graduate Certificate of Professional Communication places you in an excellent position to further your career in your chosen industry.</td>
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<td>Graduate Diploma of Public Relations</td>
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<td>Start: February, Study mode: Online, Duration: up to 4 years part-time</td>
<td>Prepare for a future at the forefront of strategic communication decisions with USQ’s Graduate Diploma of Public Relations. Whether you are considering a career change, or you’re a current public relations practitioner or manager, this degree provides you with the practical expertise to improve the reputation of your organisation.</td>
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<td>Graduate Certificate of Public Relations</td>
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<td>Start: February, July, Study mode: Online, Duration: up to 2 years part-time</td>
<td>Explore the role public relations plays in society and develop your technical communication skills with USQ’s Graduate Certificate of Public Relations. Whether you are considering a career change, or you’re a current public relations practitioner or manager, this degree provides you with the foundational knowledge to help enhance the reputation of your organisation.</td>
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<td>Network and System Security, Software and the Web, Advanced Research, Applied Research</td>
<td>Start: February, July Study mode: Toowoomba, External Duration: 2 years full-time</td>
<td>If you have graduated in a different area and want to move into IT, or have already studied a computing degree and want to enhance your professional skills, then this is the degree for you. The Master of Computing Technology is designed to add to your current knowledge and skills, and relate to the needs of your profession or industry. Further study pathway: With the Advanced Research specialisation, you may be eligible to apply for the Doctor of Philosophy if you have achieved an overall GPA of 5.5 or higher.</td>
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<td>Master of Cyber Security</td>
<td>Business Application, Governance Risk and Compliance, Technical</td>
<td>Start: February, July, November Study mode: Toowoomba, Springfield, Online Duration: 2 years full-time</td>
<td>The cyber security sector is one of the most rapidly growing industries globally, as trained professionals are in high demand by organisations of all sizes. USQ’s Master of Cyber Security, collaboratively taught by experts from industry, provides globally transferrable skills and the cyber technical expertise. Graduates showcase applied and practical knowledge expected by industry in order to embark on a dynamic and growing global career in cyber security.</td>
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<td>Master of Data Science</td>
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<td>Start: February, July Study mode: Toowoomba, Online Duration: 2 years full-time</td>
<td>USQ’s Master of Data Science provides an opportunity for graduates from any discipline to gain useful knowledge in Big Data. Data science helps organisations to extract new insights from raw data, insights which inform the development of new products, improved services and new businesses in our increasingly data-reliant world. This degree offers research training and is a research project pathway for further research degree studies or relevant jobs prospects.</td>
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<td>Master of Information Systems</td>
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<td>Start: February, July, November Study mode: Toowoomba, Springfield, Online Duration: 2 years full-time</td>
<td>USQ’s Master of Information Systems provides skills to succeed in an increasingly connected world where new challenges are presented every day. This degree provides the expertise to realise the potential of existing technologies, to maximise on the opportunities of new and emerging technologies, and to help organisations gain business value from the use of information technology and systems. Professional accreditation: This degree is recognised by The Australian Computer Society (ACS) and, through the Seoul Accord, is recognised in other countries.</td>
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<td>Master of IT Innovation</td>
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<td>Start: February, July, November Study mode: Toowoomba, Springfield, Online Duration: 2 years full-time</td>
<td>In a world of constant disruption, learn why and how to drive, build and measure IT innovation that leads to higher levels of organisational performance, with USQ’s Master of IT Innovation. This highly hands-on masters degree delves into creativity, innovation, and IT entrepreneurship, and empowers you with advanced skills in Big Data analytics, user-centred design of interfaces, cyber security, blockchain principles, and cloud computing.</td>
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<td>Graduate Diploma of Information Technology</td>
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<td>Start: February, July, November Study mode: Toowoomba, External Duration: 1 year full-time</td>
<td>The Graduate Diploma of Information Technology is great for students from disciplines other than computing or information systems to gain professional qualifications in computing. Graduates become better problem-solvers and innovative thinkers. You will possess a high academic standard and competitive advantage in a career that is dynamic, global and in-demand. Further study pathway: Master of Computing, Master of Computing Technology</td>
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| **Master of Laws** | Commercial Law, Comparative Law, International Law, Public Law, Sustainable Development | **Start:** February, July  
**Study mode:** Online  
**Duration:** 1.5 years full-time | The Master of Laws is one of few online law masters qualifications available in Australia. With a focus on improving your skills in legal research, advanced legal writing and critical thinking, this degree enables you to examine multiple specialisations and adopt a cross-cultural and global perspective on modern legal practice. |
| **Juris Doctor**  |                                                        | **Start:** February, July, November  
**Study mode:** Online  
**Duration:** 3 years full-time | The Juris Doctor is a graduate-entry degree for students who already have a degree in a field other than law, and who wish to pursue a professional career in law or in law-related work in business or government. The Juris Doctor is designed to challenge you throughout your studies, and in the second and third years, the degree has a strong element of research work.  
**Professional accreditation:** This degree is accredited by The Legal Practitioners Admissions Board, Queensland and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Queensland as an approved academic qualification under the Supreme Court (Admission) Rules 2004 (Qld). The Juris Doctor has also been approved by the Australian Law Schools Standards Committee under the Standards for Australian Law Schools adopted by the Council of Australian Law Deans. This degree will partially satisfy the requirements to practise as a lawyer in Queensland or elsewhere in Australia. |

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## Degree name | Specialisations | Degree delivery | Degree overview
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**NDIS Studies**
**Graduate Diploma of Business**
- General specialisation, or
Start: February, July, November  
Study mode: Toowoomba, Springfield, Online  
Duration: 1 year full-time
With a wide range of specialisations, or the ability to tailor a degree to suit your interests, USQ's Graduate Diploma of Business gives you the opportunity to align your study interests to areas that best support your business career aspirations. The Graduate Diploma of Business' flexibility also provides you with the option to choose two specialisations.
**Professional accreditation:** Project Management Institute (PMI) for the Project Management specialisation.
**Further study pathway:** Master of Adaptive Leadership, Master of Business and Innovation, Master of Project Management

**Graduate Certificate of Business**
- General specialisation, or
Start: February, July, November  
Study mode: Toowoomba, Springfield, Online  
Duration: 0.5 year full-time
Expand your career prospects with a postgraduate qualification. This degree is designed to help you advance in your workplace with a postgraduate qualification, or be the first step on the road to a masters degree.
**Professional accreditation:** Project Management Institute (PMI) for the Project Management specialisation, which is endorsed by the Australian Institute of Project Management (AIPM).
**Further study pathway:** With the named specialisations: Master of Adaptive Leadership, Master of Business and Innovation, Master of Project Management, Master of Information Systems, Master of Professional Accounting

**Nursing**
**Master of Nursing**
Start: February, July  
Study mode: External  
Duration: 1.5 years full-time
Are you a registered nurse looking to upgrade your qualifications or become a leader in the health care sector? Our Master of Nursing is a theory-based degree designed to increase your expertise in your area of specialisation.

**Sport and Exercise**
**Master of Science**
Agricultural Science, Applied Climate Science, Applied Data Science, Astrophysics, Environment and Sustainability, Mathematics and Statistics, Sport and Exercise
Start: February, July  
Study mode: Toowoomba, External  
Duration: 2 years full-time
The Master of Science provides an opportunity for graduates from any discipline to combine coursework and research, and is ideal for professionals who would like to further their knowledge and expertise. Undertake a professional development component in science. Furthermore, this degree offers research training and a research project pathway for further research study or relevant job prospects.

**Graduate Diploma of Science**
Agricultural Science, Applied Climate Science, Applied Data Science, Environment and Sustainability, General, Mathematics and Statistics, Physics and Astronomy, Sport and Exercise
Start: February, July  
Study mode: Toowoomba, Ipswich, External  
Duration: 1 year full-time
Are you a bachelor-degree graduate looking to enhance your skills? USQ's Graduate Diploma of Science is an eight-unit qualification and offers a variety of specialisations, enabling you to acquire knowledge and skills relevant to your current or future career.
**Further study pathway:** Master of Science

**Graduate Certificate of Sport and Exercise**
Start: February, July  
Study mode: Ipswich, External  
Duration: 0.5 year full-time
Advance your skills in the areas of health, fitness and sports performance with the Graduate Certificate of Sport and Exercise. This degree is an excellent opportunity for those already working within the health, sport and exercise industry to advance their career, use it as a pathway to further learning, or as a start to a career in this exciting and fast-paced industry.
**Professional accreditation:** Depending on other qualifications and experience, membership of professional associations, such as the Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER), is available.

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| Master of Counselling       | Advanced Practice; Alcohol and Drug Studies; Child, Youth and Family Therapy; Foundations of Practice; Mental Health Counselling | Start: February, July  
Study mode: External  
Duration: 2 years full-time | Gain the knowledge and expertise to upskill to an advanced level in a number of specialist counselling areas, as well as research principles and methods with USQ’s Master of Counselling. This degree provides the entry-level qualification for registration as a counsellor, and is suitable for graduates in health, psychology, social work, human services, education or nursing. It provides you with the opportunity to undertake research into issues that are relevant to counselling fields, such as counsellor identity and practice, counsellor education and counselling treatments. Professional accreditation:  
- Students articulating from the Graduate Diploma of Counselling into the Master of Counselling will complete a placement course as part of their degree, and are thus eligible for registration with the Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia (PACFA), as well as with the Australian Counselling Association (ACA). This enables registration as a counsellor with the Australian Register of Counsellors and Psychotherapists (ARCAP).  
- The Advanced Practice specialisation is only available for applicants who are already registered with a professional association, and does not enable students to register with PACFA or the ACA. |
| Graduate Diploma of Counselling | Alcohol and Drug Studies; Child, Youth and Family Therapy; Foundations of Practice; Mental Health Counselling | Start: February, July  
Study mode: External  
Duration: 1 year full-time | Gain the advanced knowledge and expertise to prepare for, or extend, your practices in a range of specialist counselling areas with USQ’s Graduate Diploma of Counselling. Professional accreditation: Graduates can apply for membership of the Australian Counselling Association (ACA) and registration as a counsellor with the Australian Register of Counsellors and Psychotherapists (ARCAP). Further study pathway: Master of Counselling |
| Graduate Certificate of Counselling | Alcohol and Drug Studies; Child, Youth and Family Therapy; Foundations of Practice; Mental Health Counselling | Start: February, July  
Study mode: External, Online  
Duration: 1 year full-time | Are you looking to enhance your counselling skills? USQ’s Graduate Certificate of Counselling allows you to upskill, specialise and diversify your career with specialist counselling skills. Our online Counselling degree is perfect for current professionals and graduates in health, psychology, social work, education, nursing, or human services. Throughout your studies, you gain counselling techniques, diagnosis and online therapeutic interventions skills transferable to a variety of careers and industries. Further study pathway: Graduate Diploma of Counselling, Master of Counselling |
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| Clinical Psychology | Master of Clinical Psychology | Start: February  
Study mode: Toowoomba, Ipswich  
Duration: 2 years full-time | Receive advanced training in psychological assessment and clinical intervention. Graduates can apply for registration as a psychologist with an ‘Area of Practice’ endorsement in clinical psychology. Professional accreditation: Are you looking to achieve registration as a psychologist? Graduates of the Master of Clinical Psychology can apply for:  
• general registration as a psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia  
• an area of practice endorsement in clinical psychology with the Psychology Board of Australia, after completion of the Clinical Psychology Registrar program  
• full membership to the Australian Psychological Society after a period of supervised practice  
• admission to the College of Clinical Psychology of the Australian Psychological Society after completion of the Clinical Psychology Registrar program. |
| Master of Clinical Psychology – Advanced Entry (MCPA) | | Start: February  
Study mode: Toowoomba, Ipswich  
Duration: 1 year full-time | Have you completed a postgraduate psychology masters (coursework) degree, or held general registration as a psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia for a minimum of 12 months? Fast-track your studies and training in psychological assessment and clinical intervention, and have the opportunity, as a registered psychologist, to return to study to gain a masters qualification in a one-year timeframe. This degree is the only one of its kind in Australia. Professional accreditation: Graduates can apply for:  
• an area of practice endorsement in clinical psychology with the Psychology Board of Australia, after completion of the Clinical Psychology Registrar program  
• full membership to the Australian Psychological Society after a period of supervised practice  
• admission to the College of Clinical Psychology of the Australian Psychological Society after completion of the Clinical Psychology Registrar program. |
| Professional Psychology | Master of Professional Psychology | Start: February  
Study mode: Toowoomba, Ipswich  
Duration: 1 year full-time | Take the next step to become a registered psychologist with USQ’s Master of Professional Psychology. Have you already completed a four-year psychology degree and want to achieve general registration? Our Master of Professional Psychology, plus one year of full-time supervised (independent) practice, will qualify you for a career as a psychologist. Professional accreditation: Upon completion of this degree and a further one year of full-time supervised practice, you will be able to apply for general registration with the Psychology Board of Australia. Graduates will also be able to apply for full membership with the Australian Psychological Society after a period of supervised practice. |
Study mode: Toowoomba, External  
Duration: 0.5 year full-time | The Graduate Certificate of Science is flexible and relevant to a workforce that thrives on science and technology. It gives you the option to choose courses according to your individual needs, interests and prior study. Design this degree to suit your needs, and get the confidence and practical knowledge you need to succeed. Further study pathway: Graduate Diploma of Science, Master of Science |

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<td>Master of Advanced Engineering</td>
<td>Engineering and Project Management, Structural Engineering Design</td>
<td>Start: February, July</td>
<td>This eight-unit degree is perfect if you are an experienced practising engineer who wants management or advanced structural engineering qualifications to widen your engineering fields of practice and advance your career opportunities. Available online, you can travel or work while studying, allowing you to fit study into your lifestyle.</td>
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<td><strong>Engineering Practice</strong></td>
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<td>Master of Engineering Practice</td>
<td>Civil Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Power Systems Engineering, Public Works and Infrastructure, Structural Engineering</td>
<td>Start: February, July, November</td>
<td>If you want to become a professional engineer, and have a three-year engineering degree and significant work experience, USQ’s Master of Engineering Practice will get you there. This degree has an emphasis on workplace experience to demonstrate your competency as a professional engineer. It is the only degree in Australia that incorporates workplace learning as a way of achieving possible credit for your degree.</td>
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<td>Engineering Practice</td>
<td>Civil Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Power Systems Engineering, Public Works and Infrastructure, Structural Engineering</td>
<td>Start: February, July</td>
<td>If you already have a three-year bachelor degree in engineering, science, or technology, the Graduate Certificate of Engineering Practice is a great stepping stone to progress your career or be a pathway into the Master of Engineering Practice. Develop your understanding of project management practices and asset management to solve complex problems in an engineering environment. You can also select courses from a range of engineering areas, such as, structural design, geomechanics, construction methods, environmental pollution, stress analysis, machine elements, mechanical thermodynamics, and electrical/power/electronic systems. This graduate certificate offers professional engineers the ability to fulfil their Engineers Australia continuing professional development requirements, or extend their accredited areas of practice, as well as receive a recognised postgraduate qualification.</td>
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**Engineering Science**

| Master of Engineering Science | Agricultural Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Engineering Management and Enterprise, Environmental Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Power Engineering, Structural Engineering | Start: February, July, November | If you want to become a professional engineer, and have a three-year engineering degree but no work experience, the Master of Engineering Science will enable this career pathway. In this degree, you gain hands-on practical lab and industry experience to prepare you for working in the engineering profession. 
**Professional accreditation:** All specialisations, except Engineering Management and Enterprise, are accorded full accreditation at the level of 'Graduate Professional Engineer' by Engineers Australia. The Engineering Management and Enterprise specialisation is based on Engineers Australia Executive Engineer stage 3 competencies.
 | Study mode: Toowoomba, External | Duration: 2 years full-time |

| Graduate Diploma of Engineering Science | Agricultural Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Power Engineering, Structural Engineering | Start: February, July | The Graduate Diploma of Engineering Science will build on your existing three-year engineering degree to give you an advanced level of knowledge in an engineering field that interests you. Choose to study online or part-time to balance your study with work commitments. Professional engineers can use this graduate certificate to extend their accredited areas of practice, or fulfil their Engineers Australia continuing professional development requirements, or extend their accredited areas of practice, as well as receive a recognised postgraduate qualification.
 | Study mode: Toowoomba, External | Duration: 1 year full-time |

| Graduate Certificate of Engineering Science | Agricultural Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Power Engineering, Structural Engineering | Start: February, July | The Graduate Certificate of Engineering Science will build on your existing three-year engineering degree qualifications to give you an advanced level of knowledge in an engineering field that interests you. Choose to study online or part-time to balance your study with work commitments. Professional engineers can use this graduate certificate to extend their accredited areas of practice, or fulfil their Engineers Australia continuing professional development requirements, or extend their accredited areas of practice, as well as receive a recognised postgraduate qualification.
 | Study mode: Toowoomba, Online | Duration: 0.5 year full-time |

**Sciences**

| Master of Data Science | Agricultural Science, Applied Climate Science, Applied Data Science, Astrophysics, Environment and Sustainability, Mathematics and Statistics, Sport and Exercise | Start: February, July | USQ’s Master of Data Science provides an opportunity for graduates from any discipline to gain knowledge in Big Data. Data science helps organisations to extract new insights from raw data; insights which inform the development of new products, improved services and new businesses in our increasingly data-reliant world. This degree offers research training and is a research project pathway for further research degree studies or relevant job prospects.
 | Study mode: Toowoomba, Online | Duration: 2 years full-time |

| Master of Science | Agricultural Science, Applied Climate Science, Applied Data Science, Astrophysics, Environment and Sustainability, Mathematics and Statistics, Sport and Exercise | Start: February, July | The Master of Science provides an opportunity for graduates from any discipline to combine coursework and research, and is ideal if you’re a professional who would like to further your knowledge and expertise, change your career, or if you have a degree in a different discipline. You will undertake a professional development component in science. Furthermore, this degree offers research training and a research project pathway for further research study or relevant job prospects.
 | Study mode: Toowoomba, External | Duration: 2 years full-time |

| Graduate Diploma of Science | Agricultural Science, Applied Climate Science, Applied Data Science, Astrophysics, Environment and Sustainability, General, Mathematics and Statistics, Physics and Astronomy, Sport and Exercise | Start: February, July | Have you previously graduated with a bachelor degree and are looking to enhance your skills? USQ’s Graduate Diploma of Science is an eight-unit qualification and offers a variety of specialisations, enabling you to acquire knowledge and skills relevant to your current or future career.
 | Study mode: Toowoomba, External | Duration: 1 year full-time |

| Graduate Certificate of Science | Agricultural Science, Applied Climate Science, Applied Data Science, Astronomu, Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Environment and Sustainability, General, Mathematics and Statistics, Mathematics for High School Teaching, Mathematics for Primary/Middle School Teaching, Physics, Psychology in Schools, Science for Primary/ Middle School Teaching, Wine Science | Start: February, July, November | The Graduate Certificate of Science is flexible and relevant to a workforce centred on science and technology. It gives you the option to choose courses according to your individual needs, interests and prior study. Design this degree to suit your career direction, and get the confidence and practical knowledge you need to succeed.
 | Study mode: Toowoomba, External | Duration: 0.5 year full-time |

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<td>Master of Spatial Science Technology</td>
<td>Geographic Information Systems, Surveying</td>
<td>Start: February, July</td>
<td>The Master of Spatial Science Technology produces graduates who are skilled in spatial science investigations, evaluation and synthesis. The degree allows students to enhance their knowledge of a particular surveying or spatial science information discipline area for theoretical application, research and professional practice.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Graduate Diploma of Spatial Science Technology</td>
<td>Geographic Information Systems, Surveying</td>
<td>Start: February, July, November</td>
<td>Our Graduate Diploma of Spatial Science Technology is ideal if you have a bachelor degree in a field other than engineering and you want to extend your knowledge in surveying and geographic information systems. You will build competencies across a broad discipline area. You don’t even need work experience to enrol in this eight-unit degree. Further study pathway: Master of Spatial Science Technology</td>
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<td>Graduate Certificate of Spatial Science Technology</td>
<td>Geographic Information Systems, Surveying</td>
<td>Start: February, July, November</td>
<td>If you already hold an undergraduate degree in another field and would like to develop or extend your knowledge in either surveying or geographic information systems, then this Graduate Certificate is for you. You don’t need work experience to start in this degree if you have an approved qualification. Further study pathway: Graduate Diploma of Spatial Science Technology, Master of Spatial Science Technology</td>
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<td>Doctor of Philosophy</td>
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<td>Start: February, July</td>
<td>The PhD is a research degree available in all study areas, and provides you with the intellectual freedom and skills to be able to make an original and substantial contribution to your area of study. At USQ, you have access to a wide range of facilities, and are mentored by our researchers and partners, to foster a dynamic and rewarding environment and be a part of industry transformation.</td>
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<td>Doctor of Business Administration</td>
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<td>Start: February, July</td>
<td>Take your business-oriented research to the highest level. If you are a business professional and already have a masters degree, such as an MBA, the Doctor of Business Administration extends and develops your theoretical and empirical understanding, enabling you to identify and resolve business challenges in both the private and public sectors.</td>
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<td>Doctor of Creative Arts</td>
<td>Creative Writing; Editing and Publishing; Film, Television and Radio; Music; Theatre; Visual Arts</td>
<td>Start: February, July</td>
<td>USQ’s Doctor of Creative Arts is designed for established creative artists who have completed honours or masters qualifications and who can demonstrate their significant profile within the creative arts professions. This degree gives you an extended opportunity to further develop your practice-focused research under the expert guidance of qualified supervisors.</td>
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<td>Doctor of Education</td>
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<td>Start: February, July</td>
<td>USQ’s Doctor of Education is both theoretically and conceptually stimulating, giving experienced Australian and international practitioners the opportunity to complete a research degree focusing on areas of special interest and expertise.</td>
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<td>Duration: 6 years part-time</td>
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<td>Doctor of Professional Engineering</td>
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<td>Start: February, July, November</td>
<td>Do you have a passion for engineering and want to further your knowledge? USQ’s Doctor of Professional Engineering is designed to expand your knowledge in technical investigation and innovative design and analysis, as well as take your research skills to a higher level.</td>
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<td>Doctor of Professional Studies</td>
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<td>Start: February, July, November</td>
<td>The Doctor of Professional Studies allows you to combine your professional work with study and obtain a doctoral degree based entirely in your workplace. You will critically review resources, and address theoretical and practical issues in your workplace, by designing and implementing projects.</td>
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<td>Master of Business Research</td>
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<td>Start: February, July</td>
<td>Extend your qualifications in your chosen business research discipline with USQ’s Master of Business Research. You will undertake a significant piece of research in your area of interest, using your specialist knowledge and advanced research techniques, to explore the resolution of a management problem.</td>
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<td>Master of Engineering (Research)</td>
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<td>Start: February, July</td>
<td>Explore solutions to complex engineering problems with USQ’s Master of Engineering (Research). Learn advanced research techniques from leading USQ researchers and undertake a significant piece of research with industry to advance the engineering profession and knowledge.</td>
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<td>Master of Laws (Research)</td>
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<td>Start: February, July</td>
<td>Expand on your theoretical and specialist knowledge of the law and take your research skills to a higher level with USQ’s Master of Laws (Research). You will undertake a significant piece of research in a specialised field of your choice, and contribute to the knowledge-base of the legal community through an academic thesis.</td>
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<td>Master of Professional Studies (Research)</td>
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<td>Start: February, July, November</td>
<td>Do you want to contribute to your organisation or community of practice? Are you a public servant, a professional, a volunteer, or stay at home parent who wants to research a work-based topic of interest? Your study and research is based on your work. Rather than traditional university degrees, the Master of Professional Studies (Research) is personalised to your own work and profession, and built on an ethos of quality, engagement and support. The degree is multi-disciplinary, evidence-based higher learning, linked to the fulfilment of self-directed career development and life-long learning.</td>
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<td>Master of Science (Research)</td>
<td>Advanced Research, Applied Research, Psychology Research</td>
<td>Start: February, July</td>
<td>The Master of Science (Research) provides the skills and opportunities you need to further your career in your chosen science research area. In this degree, you, as a highly motivated and highly qualified student, will undertake advanced study to produce a research-based thesis which will help you to develop your research skills in a specialised area of knowledge and proceed further with your science research career.</td>
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**Application steps**

**Find your degree**
- Consider your future career goals - whether you are looking to upskill, get that promotion, or dream job. Look at industry trends. What job opportunities will be available in the future, and how can you prepare for them?
- Browse this guide for available degrees and visit our website for more info.
- Considering a research degree? Explore available topics, or find a supervisor for your chosen field of research at webapp.usq.edu.au/research

**Check the entry requirements**
- It’s important you meet the entry requirements for your chosen degree (e.g. previous qualifications needed, English language requirements, etc.). Visit usq.edu.au/study for more details.
- If you don’t have an undergraduate degree, but have substantial work experience in a similar field, you may still be able to gain entry into a postgraduate degree. Contact USQ for further information.

**Costs**
**Degree fees**
Tuition fees vary, depending on the degree or courses you are enrolled in. Eligible students can access student loans to help cover costs.

**Student Services and Amenities Fee**
The Student Services and Amenities Fee (SA Fee) aims to provide you with access to a range of non-academic services, such as learning support, sporting and recreational activities, as well as employment and career counselling services, both online and on-campus.

You may be eligible to defer your Student Services and Amenities Fee. For more information, visit usq.edu.au/fees

**Textbooks and additional costs**
You will most likely need a prescribed textbook for each course (subject) you study at university. Textbooks can cost between AUD 30 and AUD 200. Additional costs may apply for some degrees and courses, e.g. uniforms and special equipment required for Nursing. You can find out more about textbook and clothing expenses at bookshop.usq.edu.au

**Apply**
- Both postgraduate and research applicants apply directly to USQ using the online application form available via usq.edu.au/apply
- Check if you need any supporting documentation for your application (e.g. official academic transcripts, resumes, etc.).

**Receive and accept your offer**
- Once you receive an offer, usually accepting is as simple as clicking the link in your offer email from USQ.
- Applied to USQ and didn’t get an offer? USQ will consider a suitable pathway option to allow you to work your way toward your preferred degree.

**Admission information**

**Entry requirements**
To apply for a postgraduate degree, you will require an Australian Qualification Framework (AQF)-approved bachelor degree or higher qualification, and for some degrees, additional entry requirements, such as a minimum Grade Point Average, a significant research component within previous study, or a level of pre-requisite knowledge in a particular subject area.

For Higher Degrees by Research (HDR) study
Propose your own research interest or explore available topics, and find a supervisor for your chosen field of research at webapp.usq.edu.au/research. Admission is dependent upon the capacity to supervise the proposed research topic. You will need to allow several months for discussion with potential supervisors and for consideration of the application, prior to the start of the degree. Find more information at usq.edu.au/research/graduate-research-school

**Research Training Program (RTP) – Fees Offset Scheme**
This grant is available to all Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents, and New Zealand citizens commencing a higher research degree. They will have their tuition fees paid for by the Australian Federal Government under RTP. The RTP place covers degree fees for a research student up to a maximum period of four years (full-time study) for a PhD degree, and two years (full-time study) for a masters by research degree.

**Fee assistance**
**FEE-HELP** is a loan that helps eligible full-tuition-paying students pay their tuition fees.

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