Doctor of Philosophy (DPHD) - PhD
CRICOS code (International applicants): 031453C

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**Program aims**
The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) is a University-wide degree coordinated by the Research and Higher Degrees and supervised by staff from Faculties/Centres.

**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. In addition all students are required to meet USQ English language requirements. 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, procedures for enrolment, and the application process can be found on the Research website. 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.

Domestic and International Applicants from a non-English speaking background are required to satisfy English language requirements.

If you do not meet the English language requirements you may apply to study a University-approved English language program. On successful completion of the English language program, Applicants may be admitted to an Award Program.

Consult the Handbook on the Web at http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current for any updates that may occur during the year.

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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 provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements. Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for 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)
All Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents and New Zealand citizens commencing a higher degree research program will have their tuition fees paid for by the Australian Federal Government under the Research Training Scheme (RTS). The RTS place entitles a student to a maximum period of four years exemption full time or 8 years part time on tuition fees for a Doctorate program and 2 years exemption full time or 4 years part time for Masters by Research programs. As part of the enrolment process students are required to submit proof of citizenship and transcripts of all previous academic study. It is with this documentation that USQ can determine the eligibility for RTS. Students who are eligible for RTS are:

- those who have not consumed any RTS previously
- those who have already utilised RTS and have successfully completed a research program. Once a student completes a higher degree research program full entitlements of RTS are restored.

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

The Doctor of Philosophy comprises of a minimum of 16 units, however students would normally be required to complete the program within 24 units, with the option to extent to 32 units in extenuating circumstances. Students studying full-time will need to enrol in one four-unit course each semester (Semester 1 and Semester 2).

Part-time students will need to enrol in one two-unit course each semester (Semester 1 and Semester 2).

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
Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, distance education or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

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. (Students should contact the relevant 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**

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, distance education or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

**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 12 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 12 semesters.