

Master of Research (MRES) - MRes New

CRICOS code (International applicants): 108591H

	On-campus	External	Online
Start:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
Campus:	Ipswich, Springfield, Toowoomba	Ipswich, Springfield, Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place Research Training Program (RTP) - Fees Offset scheme	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place Research Training Program (RTP) - Fees Offset scheme	
Standard duration:	2 Years Full Time; 4 Years Part Time. This reflects the length of time that the program is RTP funded for domestic students.		

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Program aims

The Master of Research provides opportunities for motivated and highly qualified students to undertake advanced study and to produce a research-based thesis. Students will develop appropriate research skills and specialist area knowledge that will enhance their career prospects or allow them to proceed to further appropriate higher degree studies.

Program objectives

On successful completion of this program a graduate should be able to:

- identify, interpret and evaluate major issues of contemporary theory and practice in their discipline area
- comprehend and evaluate developments in a chosen discipline area and critically examine the relationships between such developments and contemporary theory
- apply a knowledge of the principles and ethics of research within their chosen discipline area
- identify research topics and undertake research using appropriate research methods and principles
- report and disseminate research outcomes.

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity

of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 09. Graduates at this level will have specialised knowledge and skills for research, and/or professional practice and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- (1) completion of a three-year degree at an Australian university or equivalent, with a GPA of 5.0/7.0 or above, or equivalent, in a relevant discipline
or
- (2) completed a three-year degree at an Australian university or equivalent and have a successfully completed a coursework masters, with a GPA of 5.0/7.0 or above, or equivalent score, in a relevant discipline.
plus
- (3) acceptance will be subject to the availability of, and endorsement by, a USQ supervisor.

In addition to the above, students in the Psychology Research Specialisation will need to have completed an <https://psychologycouncil.org.au/APAC> accredited three-year sequence undergraduate program in psychology and to be current in the area of psychology. This means students need to have commenced their studies in an APAC accredited program no earlier than 8 years previous to the year of application and have satisfied requirements for the award of the degree no more than 3 years previously. The rationale for this is to ensure students can still demonstrate a breadth/depth of knowledge, skills, and application in psychology and meet APAC competencies.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

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. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedule](#)

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. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

Research Training Program (RTP) - Fees Offset scheme

All Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents and New Zealand citizens commencing a Higher Degree by Research (HDR) program will have their tuition fees paid by the Australian Commonwealth Government under the Research Training Program (RTP) Fees Offset scheme. The RTP Fees Offset scheme covers program fees for an HDR student up to a maximum period of four years for full-time study or up to

eight years part-time study for a Doctoral program, and up to a maximum period of two years for full-time or four years part-time for a Masters by Research program.

As part of the enrolment process, students are required to submit proof of citizenship or permanent residency status and transcripts of all previous academic study. This documentation enables the University of Southern Queensland to determine eligibility for an RTP Fees Offset place.

If a student's RTP Fees Offset entitlement expires before completion of the program, the student will be required to pay full tuition fees.

Students eligible for an RTP Fees Offset place are those who:

- have not used RTP Fees Offset funding in the previous three years; or
- have already used RTP Fees Offset funding and have successfully completed an HDR program. Once a student completes an HDR program, full entitlements of RTP Fees Offset are restored.

The Australian Commonwealth Government's contribution to program fees must be acknowledged on all published material relating to a research project via a statement identifying the support received through the RTP Fees Offset scheme.

Program structure

The Master of Research is a 16-unit research program. Students may graduate from the program at completion of 12 units, if all requirements of the program are met. There are up to four coursework units which will include two research training courses. Elective courses are normally at level 4 or above and are selected in consultation with the supervisor to reflect additional training complementary to the area of research to be undertaken. The research training courses will consist of [RES9004 Research Design and Methodologies](#) and [RES9005 Qualitative Research Techniques](#) or [STA8170 Statistics for Quantitative Researchers](#). The psychology specialisation will have a variation to this standard enrolment pattern. The remaining units will be confirmation of candidature and a research project and will be undertaken in consultation with an approved supervisor. The student will prepare a thesis based on independently conducted research. To successfully complete the thesis, students will be required to select a research topic, carry out supervised research on the chosen topic using an appropriate research method and present and defend the results. The Masters level thesis will be examined as per the Higher Degree by Research Thesis Examination Schedule.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 2 years (full-time) or 4 years (part-time) to complete this program with RTP funding. This reflects the length of time that the program is RTP funded for domestic students.

IT requirements

For information technology requirements please refer to the [minimum computing standards](#).

Other program requirements

Students must maintain good standing in this program. Please refer to the [Academic Standing, Progression and Exclusion Procedure](#).

Exit points

A student enrolled in the Master of Research must successfully complete the program prior to application for entry into the [Doctor of Philosophy](#) (PhD).

Doctorate Transfer

Students may enrol in an alternative pattern if they meet the requirements to articulate from the [Master of Research](#) to the [Doctor of Philosophy](#). In order to meet these requirements students must:

- Meet the entry requirements for the [Doctor of Philosophy](#) in having an Honours or Master's degree with significant research but not have this at the required level. For example, a 2B Honours degree.

Such students would be an exception within the program and would be required to present a Confirmation of Candidature to scope out doctoral program work prior to being transferred to the [Doctor of Philosophy](#) program as a confirmed candidate.

Credit

Application for exemptions/credit will be assessed on individual merit in line with the USQ Policy.

Recommended Enrolment Pattern

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

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
RES9004 Research Design and Methodologies					1	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MRES or D PHD
RES9515 Masters Research Project 2 (H)	1	1			1	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MRES
Or							
RES9516 Masters Research Project 2 (L)	1	1			1	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MRES
Discipline elective	1	2					
RES9005 Qualitative Research Techniques					1	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MRES or D PHD
Or							
STA8170 Statistics for Quantitative Researchers *					1	2	Enrolment is not permitted in STA8170 if S TA2300 or STA1003 has been previously completed.
RES9055 Masters Research Project 1 (H)	1	2			1	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MRES
Or							
RES9056 Masters Research Project 1 (L)	1	2			1	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MRES
RES9511 Confirmation of Candidature (H)	1	2			1	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MRES or D PHD
Or							
RES9510 Confirmation of Candidature (L)	1	1			1	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MRES or D PHD
RES9517 Masters Research Project 4 (H)	2	2			2	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MRES
Or							
RES9518 Masters Research Project 4 (L)	2	1			2	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MRES
RES9517 Masters Research Project 4 (H)	2	2			2	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MRES
Or							
RES9518 Masters Research Project 4 (L)	2	2			2	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MRES

Psychology Research Recommended Enrolment Pattern

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

An APAC accredited Psychology Research specialisation will be an enrolment exception. Applicants to the Psychology Research Specialisation must have a 3 year APAC accredited undergraduate degree and suitability for entry to the program specialisation will be assessed and recommended by the Psychology Honours Program Director. The Psychology Research specialisation may be studied externally, with some courses having workshop delivery. Students enrolled on the Psychology Research specialisation must undertake the compulsory courses in order to meet APAC accreditation and therefore an enrolment variation will be necessary. The suggested enrolment pattern for these students will be as follows:

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
PSY4020 Ethical and Professional Practice					1	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BSCH (Psychology major 12302) or BPSH or MSCR (Psychology Research)
PSY4111 Advanced Research Approaches					1	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BSCH (Psychology major 12302) or BPSH or MSCR (Psychology Research)
RES9515 Masters Research Project 2 (H)	1	1			1	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MRES
PSY4070 Assessment and Interview Skills					1	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BSCH (Psychology major 12302) or BPSH or MSCR (Psychology Research)
PSY4040 Psychological Interventions					1	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BSCH (Psychology major 12302) or BPSH or MSCR (Psychology Research)
RES9511 Confirmation of Candidature (H)					1	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MRES or DPHD
RES9517 Masters Research Project 4 (H)					2	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MRES
RES9517 Masters Research Project 4 (H)					2	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MRES