



Master of Philosophy

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The University of Notre Dame Australia is proud of its postgraduate research offerings and caring community atmosphere. Committed to excellence, social justice and the pastoral care of students and staff, Notre Dame empowers students to develop skills and confidence in order to succeed in their chosen field. Notre Dame empowers students to establish and refine their research skills and provides a connected and nurturing environment. Notre Dame's academic staff will guide and advise students throughout their journey toward completion of their research degree.

INTRODUCTION

The Master of Philosophy is a postgraduate research degree comprising both coursework and a substantial research component culminating in the submission of a thesis or equivalent for independent examination by two external examiners.

The University's Fremantle campus currently offers the Master of Philosophy degree in the following areas:

- **Master of Philosophy (Arts and Sciences)**
UNDA Program code: 5124 CRICOS Code: 078922B
- **Master of Philosophy (Business)**
UNDA Program code: 5125 CRICOS Code: 078918J
- **Master of Philosophy (Education)**
UNDA Program code: 5126 CRICOS Code: 078924M
- **Master of Philosophy (Health Sciences)**
UNDA Program code: 5127 CRICOS Code: 061767C
- **Master of Philosophy (Law)**
UNDA Program code: 5128 CRICOS Code: 078922B
- **Master of Philosophy (Medicine)**
UNDA Program code: 5119 CRICOS Code: 061767C
- **Master of Philosophy (Nursing)**
UNDA Program code: 5118 CRICOS Code: 061765E
- **Master of Philosophy (Philosophy & Theology)**
UNDA Program code: 5129 CRICOS Code: 078922B
- **Master of Philosophy (Physiotherapy)**
UNDA Program code: 5130 CRICOS Code: 061767C

SUPERVISION

Each candidate is required to have a minimum of two supervisors who will provide support and academic guidance throughout the degree. The candidate's supervisors will assist the candidate with the preparation of their research proposal. The research supervisors will continue to mentor and direct the candidate throughout the research phase and up to the point the thesis is put forward for examination.

Before submitting an application, prospective students are encouraged to contact the relevant School or the University's Research Office to arrange a discussion with a suitably qualified member of academic staff.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The coursework component is comprised of four compulsory research training courses to be completed as a prerequisite to the student's individual research project. The coursework courses will provide opportunities for candidates to formulate substantial elements of their planned research (e.g. topic refinement, identification and justification of the preferred research method(s), preparation of a draft proposal) and to develop personal competencies in critical analysis and scholarly writing relevant to their profession.

The completion of the coursework is facilitated by a course delivery schedule which takes into consideration that candidates may be in full-time employment during their candidature. A Credit average must be achieved in the coursework as a prerequisite for proceeding to the research component.

Within some Schools, a compulsory sequence of courses exists. The structure of the degree in these cases is as follows:

Coursework component (1/3 of degree; 0.5 year full-time study)

- Quantitative Research Methods
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Scholarly Reading and Writing
- Developing a Research Proposal

Research component (2/3 of degree; 1 year full-time study)

MODE OF STUDY AND ASSESSMENT

Candidates in the Master of Philosophy program can undertake the program in either a full-time or a part-time capacity. The standard time for completion (not including periods of approved leave of absence) will normally be one and a half years for a full-time student and three years for a part-time student. The minimum time for completion will normally be one year and is usually only applicable for students with prior research experience or qualifications. The assessment of the coursework component consists of written assignments while the research component is assessed by examination of the thesis by external reviewers.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The following criteria are required for a student to be admitted to the Master of Philosophy program:

- Possession of an undergraduate degree from a recognised university; or
- In exceptional circumstances, an equivalent academic background or extensive professional experience that is considered by the Dean of the School to be an appropriate preparation for independent study and research work at Masters level.

An applicant may be required to demonstrate an ability to understand and communicate in both written and spoken English at a level adequate for the purpose of pursuing the program of study as deemed appropriate by the Dean of School.

FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Domestic Students

In accordance with the *Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (Research) 2017*, domestic research students are eligible to have Higher Degree by Research (HDR) fees paid for by the Commonwealth Government through a Research Training Program (RTP) Fees Offset Scholarship.

Domestic students can also apply for stipend scholarships. These scholarships are very competitive and are awarded to students of exceptional research potential. The scholarships are for the purpose of assisting with general living costs for the duration of the research degree.

International Students

All international research students are required to pay full fees for the length of their research degree. Please refer to the International Guide for current program fees.

The University is also keen to support high calibre international students. International students are also eligible to apply for Commonwealth Government Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarships (Fees Offset and/or Stipend) and the University *International Fee Remission Research Scholarship (IFRRS)*. For more information please refer to the International Guide or visit <https://www.notredame.edu.au/research/research-at-notre-dame/postgraduate-research/scholarships>.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic program description. Further information pertaining to admissions, fees or the University itself can be found in the Notre Dame Research Guide. International students should refer to the International Guide.

For more information please contact the Prospective Students Office on (08) 9433 0533 or at future@nd.edu.au

Visit the website at www.nd.edu.au