WHY STUDY AT NOTRE DAME?
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 Masters by Research is a postgraduate research degree comprising 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 Masters by Research degree in the following areas:

- **Master of Arts**
  UNDA Program Code: 5096   CRICOS Code: 061750A

- **Master of Business**
  UNDA Program Code: 5097   CRICOS Code: 023754A

- **Master of Education**
  UNDA Program Code: 5112   CRICOS Code: 073035G

- **Master of Health Sciences**
  UNDA Program Code: 5090   CRICOS Code: 065272E

- **Master of Laws**
  UNDA Program Code: 5044   CRICOS Code: 073036F

- **Master of Nursing (Research)**
  UNDA Program Code: 5116   CRICOS Code: 073038D

- **Master of Science (Medicine)**
  UNDA Program Code: 5092   CRICOS Code: 078799M

- **Master of Science (Arts and Sciences)**
  UNDA Program Code: 5120   CRICOS Code: 075784J

- **Master of Science (Physiotherapy)**
  UNDA Program Code: 5121   CRICOS Code: 075783K

- **Master of Theology**
  UNDA Program Code: 5115   CRICOS Code: 073041J

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 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 Masters by Research is a thesis-based research degree, normally comprised exclusively of supervised research, but which can include research training coursework if appropriate.

MODE OF STUDY AND ASSESSMENT
Candidates in the Masters by Research program can undertake their research in either a full-time or a part-time capacity. The maximum time for completion of the Masters by Research (not including periods of approved leave of absence) will normally be two years for a full-time student and four years for a part-time student. The minimum time for completion will normally be one year. The Masters thesis is assessed by external examiners.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
The following criteria are required for a student to be admitted to the Masters by Research program:

- Completion of an undergraduate degree from a recognised university, which has been completed at a superior standard and which demonstrates the applicant’s potential to undertake and complete research-based study.

- 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 or as deemed adequate by the Dean of the 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) program 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 Program 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) Fees Offset Scholarship.
Scholarships (Fees Offset and/or Stipend) and the University
International Fee Remission Research Scholarship (IFRRS).

For more information please refer to the International Prospectus or visit www.nd.edu.au/research/scholarships.shtml.

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 Postgraduate Course Guide. International students should refer to the International Course 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

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