Master of Science (Physiotherapy)

School of Physiotherapy, Fremantle Campus

At The University of Notre Dame Australia we are dedicated to the growth of a strong and innovative research culture. By developing the higher degree by research student population and external collaborative partnerships we foster, support and increase research activity and quality. As a research student you will have the opportunity to further your industry experience and also to make a valuable contribution to Notre Dame’s growing research portfolio.

Why study this degree?
The Masters by Research is a postgraduate research degree comprising a substantial research project culminating in the submission of a thesis or equivalent for independent examination by two external examiners. A Masters by Research degree is recommended for students
who wish to enhance their knowledge, develop their career potential, or anticipate applying for a Professional Doctorate or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the future.

**Research focus**
The School of Physiotherapy has developed a strength in research in the pain sciences, particularly in musculoskeletal physiotherapy, and inclusive of acute and chronic pain management, from areas as diverse as burns and nerve lesions. We also have active researchers in the following areas:

- Aged care and falls prevention
- Burns clinical research with a focus on swelling management and exercise therapy
- Cardiorespiratory physiotherapy (adult and paediatric)
- Chronic low back pain and the development and testing of treatment approaches
- Clinical education
- Neurosciences related to physiotherapy

**Supervision**
As a Masters by Research candidate, you are required to have a minimum of two supervisors who will provide support and academic guidance throughout your degree. Your supervisors will assist you with the preparation of your research proposal, continuing to mentor and direct you throughout the research phase and through the process of examination.

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


**Mode of study and assessment**
You may undertake the program either in a full-time or part-time capacity. The standard time for completion (not including periods of approved leave of absence) is normally 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. Once completed, your Masters thesis will be assessed by two external examiners.

**Entry requirements**
The following criteria apply to students seeking admission to the Master of Research program:

- Possession 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 at AQF level 9 equivalence.
- In exceptional circumstances, an equivalent academic or professional background that is considered by the Dean of the School to be an appropriate preparation for independent study and research work at Master’s level.
You 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.

**Fees and Costs**

This Program has the following loan scheme(s) available for eligible students:

**RTP**

The Research Training Program (RTP) provides block grants to support students who are undertaking a Higher Degree by Research such as a Research Doctorate or Research Masters degree. You will receive support for a maximum of two years for a Research Masters and a maximum of four years for a Research Doctorate degree. Your offer will specify for which purpose(s) your grant may be used. This may include offset of your tuition fees, as a stipend for general living costs or as an allowance related to the ancillary cost of research degrees.

For further information, or for indicative fees for domestic or international students, please visit our Fees Page ([https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees)).

**Scholarships**

**Domestic Students**

In accordance with the Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (Research) 2017, domestic research students are eligible to have all Higher Degree by Research (HDR) course fees paid for by the Commonwealth Government through a Research Training Program (RTP) Fees Offset Scholarship for the length of their degree. Domestic
students are also encouraged to apply for stipend scholarships, which are very competitive and awarded to students of exceptional research potential. The scholarships designed to help with general living costs for the duration of the research degree.

**International Students**

The University is keen to support high calibre international students who are 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). Please refer to the International Prospectus or visit our Scholarships section if you would like more information. Unless in receipt of a scholarship, all international research students must pay full fees for the length of their research degree.

**More information**

Before submitting an application, please contact our Research Office to check admissions deadlines and arrange a discussion with a suitably qualified member of staff via email on research@nd.edu.au.

**Need help? Ask Notre Dame**

(08) 9433 0533

**Duration**: 2 years full-time or equivalent part-time

**Campus**: Fremantle
Loan Scheme: RTP

Study mode: On campus

Code: Program Code: 5121, CRICOS Code 075783K

Commencement: Semester 1 or Semester 2