



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Master of Theology (Research)

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School of Philosophy & Theology

Are you interested in understanding and researching the role of faith in history? As a Catholic university, The University of Notre Dame Australia is committed to the vital role theology plays in the search for a synthesis of knowledge and the dialogue between faith and reason. The Master of Theology provides an opportunity to research the quest by the Church to understand the role of faith in history and to carry out research of enduring significance within the context of contemporary scholarship, using authentic methods of interpretation. Start your learning journey today.

Why study this degree?

The Master of Theology will enable you to conduct substantial research in one of the critical areas of study. You will discover how the Church has come to understand the deposit of faith in history and carry out research of perennial significance within contemporary scholarship, using authentic methods of interpretation.

As a Catholic university, Notre Dame is committed to the statement of *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* that “theology plays a significant role in the search for a synthesis of knowledge as well as in the dialogue between faith and reason”.

The Master of Theology (Research) is a postgraduate research degree comprising a substantial research project culminating in submitting a thesis or equivalent for independent examination by two external examiners.

A master’s 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.

Program summary

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

Full details of the program are contained in the [Program Requirements](#)

(https://www.notredame.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0012/425/by-Research.pdf).

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.

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.

Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Masters of Theology (Research), graduates will be able to:

1. Apply high level cognitive and technical skills in the design and execution of a specialised research project that makes a contribution to knowledge, professional practice and/or creative practice
2. Investigate, analyse, synthesise, and critically reflect on complex information, problems and concepts and apply established theories in the context of an advanced body of knowledge and practice
3. Disseminate research findings, communicating a coherent and sustained argument effectively, to specialist and non-specialist audiences
4. Apply knowledge of research integrity, ethics and the rights and safety of others in the conduct of research and dissemination of research findings; and
5. Conduct research with creativity, initiative, autonomy, and accountability.

Career opportunities

A Master of Theology (Research) offers careers in education, healthcare, counselling, conflict resolution, chaplaincy, nonprofit outreach, and advocacy.

Real world experience

You will learn from our academics, who are leaders in their field. There are no practicum requirements for this program.

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 \(https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees-costs-and-scholarships/scholarships\)](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees-costs-and-scholarships/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.

Fees and costs

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

International Full-Fee Paying

Tuition costs depend on an international student's study load and discipline. Fees are payable each semester at

least four weeks prior to the commencement of your program.

Research Training Program (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 indicative fees and information on Postgraduate and Research Scholarships available, please visit our [HDR Scholarships](#)

(https://www.nd.edu.au/_resources/archive/pages/students/scholarship-research-scholarships-old) page.

For indicative fees and information on how to pay, including Government loan schemes and our online calculator, visit our [Fees, costs and scholarships page](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees-costs-and-scholarships) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees-costs-and-scholarships>).

More information

Considering your uni options?

Talk to one of our career advisors for a [personalised advice session](https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h) (<https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h>). Our advisors provide support while choosing a program of

study and completing our application process. **Book my session. (<https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h>)**

For more information, please contact our Prospective Students Office.

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All international enquiries should contact the International Students Office on international@nd.edu.au
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Need help? Ask Notre Dame

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

Duration type: Full time; Part time

Campus: Fremantle; Sydney; Broome

Study mode: External; On campus

Commencement: Semester 1; Semester 2

Program code: 5115

CRICOS code: 073041J

Loan Scheme: International Full Fees; Research Training

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