

Doctor of Philosophy (DPHD) - PhD

CRICOS code (International applicants): 031453C

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

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

Research training scheme (RTS)

All Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents and New Zealand citizens commencing a higher degree research program will have their tuition fees paid for by the Australian Federal Government under the Research Training Scheme (RTS). The RTS place entitles a student to a maximum period of four years exemption full time or 8 years part time on tuition fees for a Doctorate program and 2 years exemption full time or 4 years part time for Masters by Research programs. As part of the enrolment process students are required to submit proof of citizenship and transcripts of all previous academic study. It is with this documentation that USQ can determine the eligibility for RTS. Students who are eligible for RTS are:

- those who have not consumed any RTS previously
- those who have already utilised RTS and have successfully completed a research program. Once a student completes a higher degree research program full entitlements of RTS are restored.

Program structure

This is a research degree with a minimum period of three years for full-time candidature and five years for part-time candidature.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 4 years (Full-time) or 8 years (Part-time) to complete this program.

Recommended enrolment pattern - Full-time

Mathematics, Arts, Business, Education or Nursing

Full-time candidates undertaking research in Mathematics, Arts, Business, Education or Nursing should enrol in [RES9502 Doctor of Philosophy Studies Full-Time Maths, Arts, Business, Educ or Nursing](#) - Full-Time for each semester of their candidature. This will normally be for a total of six semesters. (Some faculties may require a student to undertake a number of specific courses. They should discuss this with the Faculty.)

Biology, Engineering, Physics or Psychology

Full-time candidates undertaking research in Biology, Engineering, Physics or Psychology should enrol in [RES9503 Doctor of Philosophy Studies Full-Time Biology, Engine'g, Physics or Psychology](#) - Full-Time for each semester of their candidature. This will normally be for a total of six semesters.

Recommended enrolment pattern - Part-time

Mathematics, Arts, Business, Education or Nursing

Part-time candidates undertaking research in Mathematics, Arts, Business, Education or Nursing should enrol in [RES9500 Doctor of Philosophy Studies Part-Time Maths, Arts, Business, Educ or Nursing](#) - Part-Time for each semester of their candidature. This will normally be for a total of 12 semesters.

Biology, Engineering, Physics or Psychology

Part-time candidates undertaking research in Biology, Engineering, Physics or Psychology should enrol in [RES9501 Doctor of Philosophy Studies Part-Time Biology, Engine'g, Physics or Psychology](#) - Part-time for each semester of their candidature. This will normally be for a total of 12 semesters.