

## Doctor of Philosophy (DPHD) - PhD

CRICOS code (International applicants): 088073M

	<b>On-campus</b>	<b>External</b>
<b>Start:</b>	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
<b>Campus:</b>	Ipswich, Springfield, Toowoomba	-
<b>Fees:</b>	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place Research Training Program (RTP) - Fees Offset scheme	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place Research Training Program (RTP) - Fees Offset scheme
<b>Standard duration:</b>	Can be studied full-time or part-time (full-time students normally complete in 3 to 4 years).	

### Contact us

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### Program aims

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree is awarded for research which demonstrates that the student has the capacity to conduct research and make a significant contrib



eight years part-time study for a Doctoral program, and up to a maximum period of two years for full-time or four years part-time for a Masters by Research program.

As part of the enrolment process, students are required to submit proof of citizenship or permanent residency status and transcripts of all previous academic study. This documentation enables the University of Southern Queensland to determine eligibility for an RTP Fees Offset place.

If a student's RTP Fees Offset entitlement expires before completion of the program, the student will be required to pay full tuition fees.

Students eligible for an RTP Fees Offset place are those who:

- have not used RTP Fees Offset funding in the previous three years; or
- have already used RTP Fees Offset funding and have successfully completed an HDR program. Once a student completes an HDR program, full entitlements of RTP Fees Offset are restored.

The Australian Commonwealth Government's contribution to program fees must be acknowledged on all published material relating to a research project via a statement identifying the support received through the RTP Fees Offset scheme.

## Program structure

The Doctor of Philosophy is a 24-unit program made up of one unit of research training, one unit of approved postgraduate elective (coursework or research training as approved by the Associate Dean (Graduate Research School) on advice from the supervisory team), two units for a Research Proposal to support Confirmation of Candidature and 20 units of independent research within your selected area of study. Candidates are required to enrol in an approved Schedule D course (independent research course) if the supervisory team recommends that the candidate has appropriate knowledge of relevant coursework or Research Methodology course listed in Schedule A and Schedule B.

The award of the Doctor of Philosophy requires the successful examination of the student's thesis or research outcomes, work based research project/s and professional learning.

The Doctor of Philosophy comprises a minimum of 16 units, although students would normally complete 24 units, with the option to extend to 32 units if needed. Students are required to enrol in appropriate course(s) in Semester 1 and Semester 2 from date of admission through to the date that they submit their thesis for examination, or alternatively be on approved leave. Failure to enrol or not be on approved leave may result in the student's enrolment being cancelled. Students studying full-time will need to enrol in 4 units each semester (Semester 1 and Semester 2). Part-time students will need to enrol in 2 units each semester (Semester 1 and Semester 2).

The enrolment pattern of this program is required to reflect the following:

- Research Methodology Course (Schedule A) must be completed in the first four units of enrolment.
- Advanced Approved Course (Schedule B) must be completed within the first six units of enrolment.
- candidates who are not required to enrol in Research Methodology Course (Schedule A) and Advanced Approved Course (Schedule B) must enrol in Independent Research Courses (Schedule D).
- Research Proposal for Confirmation of Candidature (Schedule C) must be completed after the successful completion of Schedule A and Schedule B Courses and within the first eight units of enrolment.
- Independent Research Courses (Schedule D) to commence in parallel with Schedule A, B & C Courses as appropriate. After completion of 8 units, it is mandatory to have completed the Schedule C Course prior to enrolment further Schedule D courses.

Based on the research project (lab-based or non-lab based), the appropriate courses should be selected within Schedule C and Schedule D.

The proposed enrolment pattern for individual students will be checked by the Associate Dean (Graduate Research School).

## Assessment

A student is admitted to this program as a pro

The PhD with Creative Work Component examination criteria includes the student's demonstrated capacity to produce original creative work. The student's production of original creative work should be evidenced in the creative work itself together with an exegesis.

### **Required time limits**

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

### **IT requirements**

Students should visit the USQ minimum computing standards to check that their computers are capable of running the appropriate software and versions of Internet web browsers and to check the minimum and recommended standards for software.

### **Credit**

Exemptions/credit will be assessed based on the [USQ Credit and Exemption Procedure](#).

### **Recommended enrolment pattern - Full-time students who commenced prior to semester 2, 2017**

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Full-time candidates undertaking research in the following areas should enrol in [RES9502 Doctoral Research Project 4 \(Low cost\)](#) - full-time for each semester of their candidature. This will normally be for a total of six semesters.

- Business and Commerce
- Creative Arts and Media
- Education
- Health and Community (non-lab) i.e. except Biomedical and Medical Laboratory Science and, Psychology
- Humanities and Communication
- Information Technology
- Law and Justice
- Sciences (non-lab) i.e. sub-areas of Applied Data Science, and, Mathematics and Statistics.

Full-time candidates undertaking research in the following areas should enrol in [RES9503 Doctoral Research Project 4 \(High cost\)](#) - full-time for each semester of their candidature. This will normally be for a total of six semesters.

- Engineering and Built Environment
- Health and Community (lab) i.e. sub-areas of Biomedical and Medical Laboratory Science, and, Psychology
- Sciences (lab) all sub-areas except Applied Data Science, and, Mathematics and Statistics.

### **Recommended enrolment pattern - Part-time students who commenced prior to semester 2, 2017**

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Part-time candidates undertaking research in the following areas should enrol in [RES9500 Doctoral Research Project 2 \(Low cost\)](#) - part-time for each semester of their candidature. This will normally be for a total of 12 semesters.

- Business and Commerce
- Creative Arts and Media
- Education
- Health and Community (non-lab) i.e. except Biomedical and Medical Laboratory Science and, Psychology
- Humanities and Communication

- Information Technology
- Law and Justice
- Sciences (non-lab) i.e. sub-areas of Applied Data Science, and, Mathematics and Statistics.

Part-time candidates undertaking research in the following areas should enrol in [RES9501 Doctoral Research Project 2 \(High cost\)](#) - part-time for each semester of their candidature. This will normally be for a total of 12 semesters.

- Engineering and Built Environment
- Health and Community (lab) i.e. sub-areas of Biomedical and Medical Laboratory Science, and, Psychology
- Sciences (lab) all sub-areas except Applied Data Science, and, Mathematics and Statistics.

**Recommended enrolment pattern - Full-time students who commenced in semester 2, 2017 onwards**

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Schedule A course must be completed within the first four units of enrolment and Schedule B course must be completed within the first six units of enrolment. Students who are deemed as having sufficient knowledge of Research methodology will be required to enrol in a Schedule D courses instead of Schedule A or Schedule B. Students should contact Graduate Research School for more information. Schedule C course must be completed within the first eight units of enrolment. The enrolment is to be consulted with a student’s supervisor.

Full-time candidates undertaking non-lab based research should enrol in RES9500 Doctoral Research Project B (Non Lab) (2 unit) or RES9502 Doctoral Research Project D (Non Lab) (4 unit). This will normally be for a total of six semesters. (Students should contact the Faculty Research Office.)

Full-time candidates undertaking lab based research should enrol in RES9501 Doctoral Research Project B (Lab) (2 unit) or RES9503 Doctoral Research Project D (Lab)(4 unit). This will normally be for a total of six semesters. (Students should contact the Graduate Research School.)

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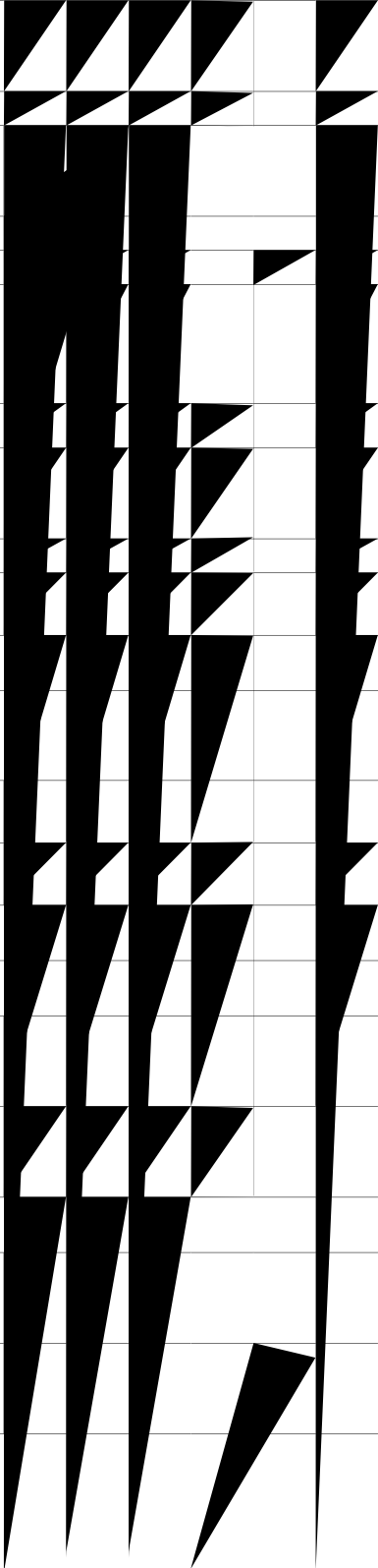


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Consult the Handbook on the Web at <http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current> for any updates that may occur during the year.  
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- ~ DCA9000 is a 2–unit course. Students who wish to enrol in DCA9000 do not need to select a course from Schedule B.
- \*\* Upon recommendation from the supervisory team, and approval from the Associate Dean (Graduate Research School), student may be advised to enrol in a course from Schedule D
- ⌘ This course is not offered in 2020.
- # 2–unit course.