

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 09. Graduates at this level will have specialised knowledge and skills for research, and/or professional practice and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Completion of an Australian university Bachelor degree in the area of business, commerce or a related field.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 3.

Students must have obtained a minimum average of credit (GPA = 5.0 on a 7.0 point scale) in their undergraduate degree or 5.5 or above for the second and third years of the degree.

Students who do not have an undergraduate degree in a business, commerce or a related field can enrol in the [Graduate Certificate of Business](#). Students undertake four units of non-research coursework to gain cognate knowledge in their intended area of business research. Upon completion of the [Graduate Certificate of Business](#) and achieving a minimum GPA of 5.5, students are eligible to apply for entry to the Master of Business Research. Please note [RSH8000 Introduction to Research](#) and [RSH8001 Research Methodologies](#) are research courses within the Master of Business Research and are not suitable study options for the [Graduate Certificate of Business](#) pathway.

On application, students must be able to provide an outline of the research topic they intend to pursue.

Note: Admission to the Master of Business Research is dependent upon the Faculty's capacity to supervise the proposed project. Prospective students should contact the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts for up-to-date information regarding research areas before preparing their project proposals.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

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 hav

Other program requirements

Students must maintain good standing in this program. Please refer to the [Academic Standing, Progression and Exclusion Procedure](#).

Exit points

A student who successfully completes [RSH8000 Introduction to Research](#), [RSH8001 Research Methodologies](#) and a short research thesis of two units, may upon application, exit with the Graduate Certificate of Business Research (GCBR).

A student who successfully completes [RSH8000 Introduction to Research](#), [RSH8001 Research Methodologies](#) and a research thesis of six units may upon application, exit with the Graduate Diploma of Business Research (GDBR).

A student enrolled in the Master of Business Research who wishes to exit without completing the program, may on the basis of outstanding performance seek to transfer to the [Doctor of Philosophy \(PhD\)](#). To be considered for acceptance into the PhD, students will have:

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