

RESEARCH DEGREES

ACU National Funded Research Higher Degree

ACU National funds Research Higher Degree students for the maximum regulation term of study. After this time has lapsed, candidates who have not completed their research degrees will be required to pay tuition fees, as set by the University Research and Research Training Committee (URRTMC). NOTE: funding does not refer to coursework components of the combined Master of Psychology/Doctor of Philosophy degree. Students must pay Library fees. Some students may be eligible for RTS places. Continuation of Candidature is dependent upon the candidate adhering to Research Higher Degree Regulations and maintaining satisfactory academic progress. This is monitored twice annually with the completion of a mandatory Academic Progress Report whereby the candidate and Principal/Co-Supervisors agree on the student's progress.

Postgraduate Research Scholarships for Australian Citizens and Permanent Residents

Applications are welcomed for the following awards:

- (a) ACU National Postgraduate Awards (ACUPA) with stipend. This is an ACU National Award based on competitive academic results from an Australian university or equivalent qualification from a recognised overseas university.
- (b) Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) with stipend. This is a Commonwealth Government Award based on competitive academic results. APA applicants must hold First Class Honours (H1) or equivalent to apply from an Australian university or from a recognised overseas university.

Postgraduate Research Scholarships for International Students

Applications are welcomed from international students for the following postgraduate award:

- (a) Endeavour Scholarships are awarded for research study and cover the full tuition costs only. The awards are normally for three years. Applications are open to citizens of all overseas countries (except New Zealand), who are commencing full-time research in the year following application, for a higher degree by research. Successful applicants will also receive a stipend from ACU to assist with living costs.

Eligibility and Application Process

Candidates apply for a Scholarship on the standard Candidature Application form.

Applications for an APA with stipend must be Australian citizens or have permanent resident status and must have lived in Australia continuously for the 12 months prior to the closing date of applications (31 October). A student who is unable to undertake full-time postgraduate study for compelling personal reasons (excluding employment) may be eligible to be considered for a part-time APA with stipend. The compelling personal reasons must be documented at the time of application.

Deadlines

Applications close on 31 October. Decisions regarding Postgraduate Research Scholarships are normally made at the end of each calendar year. Late or incomplete applications cannot be accepted.

Further information regarding postgraduate research scholarships may be obtained from the Research Services website: www.acu.edu.au/research, by email to res.cand@patrick.acu.edu.au or by contacting a Research Services Office.

Admission

Application forms are available from the Research Services website: www.acu.edu.au/research/ (under 'Forms and Documents'), or by email to res.cand@patrick.acu.edu.au

Australian and New Zealand citizens, permanent residents and international students apply directly to the relevant state ACU Research Services Office.

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Fees

Australian and New Zealand citizens and permanent residents undertaking Research Higher Degrees, except the Master of Philosophy Preliminary Program, are provided with an Australian Catholic University Research Tuition Assistance Scholarship which is equivalent to a full fee-paying place. Some students may be eligible for RTS places.

International students who are not awarded an Endeavour Scholarship pay full international tuition fees.

Additional Information

Candidates are admitted to undertake one of these research degrees in a field of study which has been broadly identified in the University's Research Management Strategy as an area of strength:

- Early Christian Literature;
- Education Leadership;
- Health Care: Exercise Science, Midwifery, Nursing and Palliative Care;
- Lifelong Learning;
- Mathematics Education;
- Religion Studies and Religious Education;
- Social Sciences, especially Social Work and Youth Studies;
- Teaching and Learning;
- Mission Focus: Church History, Church Music, Ethics, Philosophy, Psychology, Sacred Scripture, Spirituality and Theology.

Candidates may also be accepted in other fields where there exists a demonstrated capacity for research supervision.

Research degree students are accepted and enrolled in a Faculty of the University and may also be associated with the University's Institute for the Advancement of Research or a Research Centre.

Master of Philosophy Preliminary Program

This program is intended for applicants who wish to study at master's level but do not meet the entry requirements. There is no degree awarded for this preliminary program, which is available at all campuses, either full-time or part-time, for a maximum of 2 semesters (FT) or 4 semesters (PT).

It is expected that applicants will already hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent and have completed studies relevant to their field of interest.

International applicants are not eligible for entry to this program.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

PhD

240 cp

Minimum Duration: 4 years full-time or equivalent part-time

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY

MPhil

160 cp

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

Course Available at: Ballarat Victoria
Brisbane, Queensland
Canberra, ACT
Melbourne, Victoria
Sydney (North Sydney), NSW
Sydney (Strathfield), NSW

EFTSL value of units: All 10 cp units in this course have an EFTSL value of 0.125. Units with a cp value of a multiple of 10 have corresponding EFTSL values.

1. Applicable Regulations

A candidate for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy or Master of Philosophy must comply with the Research and Professional Doctorate Degree Regulations.

2. Admission as a Candidate

To gain entry to the course a person must apply for admission and be offered a place in the course. Candidates must have completed:

- (a) an appropriate undergraduate degree with Honours at a minimum level of Second Class Division A;
- (b) a master's degree in a relevant field;
- (c) a master's preliminary program; or
- (d) equivalent qualification.

3. Requirements for Completion of the Degree

To qualify for the degree, a student must satisfy the requirements of the course approved in their case in accordance with the Research and Professional Doctorate Degree Regulations.

Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Philosophy candidates are required to undertake a range of online research modules upon commencing study. Modules are designed to enhance students' knowledge of the skills and requirements needed to complete higher degree research. Students will be advised of the modules required at enrolment.

MASTER OF PSYCHOLOGY (Clinical)/DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

MPsych(Clinical)/PhD

MASTER OF PSYCHOLOGY (Educational and Developmental)/DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

MPsych(EdandDev)/PhD

370 cp

Minimum duration: 4 years full-time or equivalent part-time.

Course Available at: Melbourne, Victoria

EFTSL value of units: All 10 cp units in this course have an EFTSL value of 0.125. Units with a cp value of a multiple of 10 have corresponding EFTSL values.

This is a combined degree offered through the School of Psychology within the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. It comprises postgraduate professional training within Clinical or Educational and Developmental Psychology as well as a research Doctor of Philosophy.

Mode of Offering

The course will be offered on campus with lectures, tutorials and seminars. Practicums are carried out at the campus-based clinic and at external agencies.

1. Admission as a Candidate

To gain entry to the course a person must apply directly to the School of Psychology for admission to the Master program. Upon successful completion of the first year of studies, candidates may then apply to the Research Services Office for admission to the PhD program. Prerequisite requirements to be met by applicants are as follows:

- (a) four years of an accredited undergraduate psychology sequence, comprising a first class Honours degree in psychology;
- (b) interview; and
- (c) two referee reports: one professional/personal and one academic.

An applicant with Honours IIA and will be eligible to apply for a place in the combined degree following completion of at least 80 cp at an appropriate level in the Master of Psychology.

2. Requirements for Completion of the Degree

2.1 The Master of Psychology degree may be taken in either the Clinical or Educational and Developmental Stream.

2.2 To qualify for the combined degree, a student must complete 370 cp from the Schedule of Unit Offerings, consisting of:

- (a) 50 cp from Core Units;
- (b) 40 cp from Practicum Units;
- (c) 250 cp from the Thesis Units; and
- (d) 30 cp from Specialisation Units appropriate to the relevant stream.

3. Maximum Period of Candidature

The maximum duration of candidature will normally be no longer than ten years part-time from the commencement of enrolment. The maximum period will not include any period of approved leave of absence from the PhD program.

Schedule of Unit Offerings

Prerequisite (Pre), co-requisite (Co) and incompatible (Inc) units are indicated in parentheses where applicable.

Core Units

PSYC630	10	Psychological Assessment
PSYC631	10	Psychological Disorders
PSYC632	10	Foundations of Practice
PSYC633	10	Counselling One-to-One
PSYC634	10	Research Methods

Practicum Units

PSYC613	10	Practicum A (Pre: PSYC630 Psychological Assessment and PSYC633 Counselling One-to-One)
PSYC614	10	Practicum B (Pre: PSYC613 Practicum A)
PSYC708	10	Practicum F (Pre: PSYC614 Practicum B)
PSYC709	10	Practicum G (Pre: PSYC708 Practicum F)

Thesis Units

PSYC616	10	Thesis Part 1 (Pre: PSYC633 Research Methods)
PHDM701	240	Doctoral Thesis (Full-time)
PHDM702	240	Doctoral Thesis (Part-time)

Specialisation Units

Clinical Stream

PSYC635	10	Assessment and Interventions with Adults (PSYC630 Psychological Assessment and PSYC631 Psychological Disorders)
PSYC636	10	Assessment and Interventions with Children, Youth and Families (PSYC630 Psychological Assessment, PSYC631 Psychological Disorders, PSYC633 Counselling One-to-One and PSYC635 Assessment and Interventions with Adults)
PSYC637	10	Health Psychology (PSYC630 Psychological Assessment)

Educational and Developmental Stream

PSYC645	10	Learning Processes and Problems (PSYC630 Psychological Assessment and PSYC631 Psychological Disorders)
PSYC646	10	Typical and Atypical Development (PSYC630 Psychological Assessment, PSYC631 Psychological Disorders and PSYC645 Learning Processes and Problems)
PSYC647	10	Advanced Educational and Developmental Assessment (PSYC645 Learning Processes and Problems and PSYC613 Practicum A)