



The Doctor of Philosophy

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WHY STUDY AT NOTRE DAME?

The University of Notre Dame Australia is proud of its postgraduate research offerings and caring community atmosphere. Committed to excellence, social justice and the pastoral care of students and staff, Notre Dame empowers students to develop skills and confidence in order to succeed in their chosen field. Notre Dame empowers students to establish and refine their research skills and provides a connected and nurturing environment. Notre Dame's academic staff will guide and advise students throughout their journey toward completion of their research degree.

INTRODUCTION

The Doctor of Philosophy is designed so that graduates will have undertaken a program of research training and independent supervised study resulting in significant and original research outcomes and culminating in a thesis or equivalent for independent examination by three external examiners of international standing. The program may include advanced coursework designed to develop the student's research skills and capacity to make a significant contribution to original knowledge.

The University's Fremantle Campus currently offers the Doctor of Philosophy degree in the following areas:

- **Arts and Sciences**
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- **Business**
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- **Education**
Course Code 6201 CRICOS Code 011396F
- **Health Sciences**
Course Code 6302 CRICOS Code 011396F
- **Law**
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- **Medicine**
Course Code 6900 CRICOS Code 057673K
- **Nursing**
Course Code 6800 CRICOS Code 057674J
- **Philosophy and Theology**
Course Code 6502 CRICOS Code 011396F
- **Physiotherapy**
Course Code 6002 CRICOS Code 075782M

SUPERVISION

Each candidate will be assigned University-based supervisors who will provide support and academic guidance throughout the degree. The candidate's supervisors will assist the candidate with the preparation of their research proposal. The supervisors will also mentor and direct the candidate throughout the research phase and up to the point the thesis is put forward for examination.

Before submitting an application please contact the University's Research Office or the relevant School to arrange a discussion with a suitably qualified member of academic staff.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The Doctor of Philosophy is a thesis-based research degree, comprised of units of supervised research which can include research training coursework as appropriate.

MODE OF STUDY AND ASSESSMENT

Candidates in the PhD program can undertake their research in either a full-time or a part-time capacity. The standard time for completion of the Doctor of Philosophy (not including periods of approved leave of absence) will normally be three calendar years for a full-time student and six years for a part-time student. The minimum time for completion will normally be two years. The PhD thesis is assessed by external examiners.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The following criteria are required for a student to be admitted to the PhD program:

- Completion of a research Master's degree (by Research or Coursework and Thesis), appropriate to the professional field of the applicant (or equivalent) at a high level of achievement; or
- A Bachelor's degree with Honours (Class 1 or Class 2A Honours level or equivalent); or
- In exceptional circumstances, an equivalent academic or professional background that is considered by the Dean of the School and the PVC-R to be an appropriate preparation for independent study and research at a doctoral level.

An applicant 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 or as deemed appropriate by the Dean of the School.

FEES AND 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. These scholarships are very competitive and are awarded to students of exceptional research potential. The scholarships are for the purpose of assisting with general living costs for the duration of the research degree.

International Students

All international research students are required to pay full fees for the length of their research degree. Please refer to the International Course Guide for current course fees.

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The University is also keen to support high calibre international students. International students are also 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)*. For more information please refer to the International Prospectus or visit www.nd.edu.au/research/scholarships.shtml

FURTHER INFORMATION

The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description. Further information pertaining to admissions, fees or the University itself can be found in the Notre Dame Postgraduate Course Guide. International students refer to the International Course Guide.

For more information please contact the Prospective Students Office on (08) 9433 0533 or at future@nd.edu.au

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