

# Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

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## INTRODUCTION

Characteristics of the PhD program are centred on a thesis that includes a substantial original contribution to knowledge in the form of new knowledge or significant and original adaptation, application and interpretation of existing knowledge. The thesis may be based on a comprehensive critical review of literature, empirical research, creative work or other systematic approach embedded in a field or discipline, and / or may be based on advanced and sustained critical reflection and analysis of professional theory and practice.

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

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- **Medicine** (Course Code: 6900)  
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- **Philosophy and Theology** (Course Code: 6502)  
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## COURSE STRUCTURE

The PhD is a thesis-based research degree. The degree program is individually designed and built around the methodological requirements of the research and the nature of the topic to be investigated, taking into consideration the background of the candidate. The candidate may be asked to undertake further coursework to extend their knowledge and skills as a basis for the research component.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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

- Completion of a research Masters degree (by research or course work 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 circumstance, 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.

## SUPERVISION

All research students are assigned supervisors who are part guide and part adviser in the journey towards the completion of the degree. Before submitting an application please contact the University's Research Office to arrange a discussion with a suitably qualified member of the academic staff.

## MODES OF STUDY

Candidates in the PhD program can undertake their research in either a full time or a part time capacity. The maximum 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.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The thesis component is an original, systematic and advanced level investigation into a significant question, problem or phenomenon. The thesis shall meet the learning outcomes of the Australian Qualifications Framework – Level 10.

## FEES & SCHOLARSHIPS

### Domestic Students

According to the Higher Education Support Act 2003, domestic research students are eligible to have all Higher Degree by Research (HDR) course fees paid for by the Commonwealth Government under the Research Training Program (RTP) for the length of their degree. Domestic students are also encouraged to apply for both an *Australian Postgraduate Award (APA)* and the *University Postgraduate Award (UPA)* offered through the University of Notre Dame Australia. 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 Prospectus for current cost per year to complete a Doctor of Philosophy.

All international students are encouraged to apply for the *Endeavour International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (EIPRS)* or the University equivalent International Fee Remission Research Scholarship (IFRRS), and both the *Australian Postgraduate Award (APA)* and *University Postgraduate Award (UPA)*. The EIPRS provides annual fee remission for the successful applicant(s) and meets the cost of a standard Overseas Student Health Cover Policy for the student for the period of the course. The IFRRS covers the annual fee remission for the successful candidate; however students will need to pay for their own Overseas Student Health Cover.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description. If you would like further information regarding the course, or information pertaining to admissions, fees or the University itself please contact the Prospective Students Centre on (02) 8204 4404 or at [sydney@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney@nd.edu.au); or contact the Sydney Research Office on (02) 8204 4426 or at [sydney.research@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney.research@nd.edu.au).

All International enquiries should be directed to the International Office at [sydney.international@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney.international@nd.edu.au).

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### Admissions Office

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