

Master of Science . (MSCI) - MSc

CRICOS code (International applicants): 030313A

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who are interested in this study area should consider the [R is offer](#)

- apply current research techniques and methodology to the pursuit of specific research goals.

Admission requirements

Application for Admission

The degree is centred on a research project, supervised by a principal and an associate supervisor. It is therefore essential that intending candidates clarify their topic for research and seek an academic staff member able to provide principal supervision. Application forms and advice on procedures for enrolment may be obtained from the Program Coordinator. Intending candidates are advised to allow several months for discussion with potential supervisors and for consideration of the application prior to the commencement of candidature.

Intending applicants must consult the Program Coordinator before they apply. Applicants must then submit a Direct Entry application form together with other information as specified by the Program Coordinator, to [Student Administration](#). The applicants must receive approval from the Program Coordinator for the proposed study plan, and may also be required to attend an interview with the Dean, or the Dean's nominee, prior to confirmation of acceptance.

Admission Criteria

To be eligible for admission to the Master of Science, applicants must have either:

- completed a three-year degree at an Australian university or equivalent, with a GPA of 4.5 or above, in a relevant discipline,

or

- completed a three-year degree at an Australian university or equivalent and have the equivalent of a minimum of two years' work experience deemed to be appropriate by the Dean,

and

- successfully completed an interview conducted by the Dean or the Dean's nominee to assess the candidate's suitability for enrolment in the course.

Acceptance will be subject to the availability of, and endorsement by, a USQ supervisor.

Pre-requisite Knowledge

Students who are not considered to have sufficient previous knowledge may be required to undertake a limited number of additional relevant courses. All students must discuss their enrolment pattern with the Program Coordinator prior to nominating courses on their enrolment form.

Program fees

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who reside outside Australia pay full tuition fees.

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Research training scheme (RTS)

The Research Training Scheme (RTS) provides Commonwealth-funded higher degree by research (HDR) students with an 'entitlement' to an exemption from course fees for the equivalent of four years full-time study in an accredited HDR program. If a student's RTS entitlement expires before they have completed their program they will be required to pay full tuition fees. As there may be limited RTS places available, some students may be required to pay fees for all or part of their program. The USQ [Office of Research and Higher Degrees](#) will advise students of their eligibility for an RTS place.

Program structure

Candidates will be expected to conduct their studies in areas of science research that reflect the expertise of current staff in the Faculty of Sciences, particularly within the Department of Biological and Physical Sciences and the Department of Mathematics and Computing. Most research active staff are also members of a USQ Research Centre. Details of current research programs and potential supervisors can be found on the relevant [Biological and Physical Sciences](#) and [Mathematics and Computing](#) Departmental and [Research Centre](#) webpages.

The emphasis of the program will be on developing the appropriate knowledge and skills to undertake independent research and professional practice. Accordingly, a major component of the program will be a supervised research project.

There are 16 units in the program. There are four units of coursew

four units of credit for coursework courses as outlined above, and four units of credit towards their research project. In these cases, a passing grade will be determined in accordance with the guidelines laid down in the document "Guidelines for the Postgraduate Program in Science" available from the Faculty of Sciences Postgraduate Coordinator. Students will be required to submit a report on the research activities completed and present a seminar on their work.

Students wishing to exit as above must discuss the procedures with the Program Coordinator.

Recommended enrolment pattern

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