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## Program objectives

On the successful completion of the Diploma of Science Foundations graduates will have:

- demonstrated an ability to successfully study foundation science courses
- acquired sufficient knowledge about foundation science and science programs of study to make an informed choice about further undergraduate study in the Faculty of Sciences
- developed an awareness of the nature of the study of foundation courses in the Faculty of Sciences
- developed foundation science knowledge, skills and competencies in a series of first year science courses

## Admission requirements

International applicants must have a minimum entry level of IELTS 6.0 or equivalent.

There is no specified minimum educational achievement entrance standard.

Normally, to be eligible for enrolment in the program a person will have attained an age of at least 18 years in the year of the proposed enrolment.

Students will need to complete the online application form for entry to the Diploma Programs. All applicants are required to complete online diagnostic tests in Mathematics, e-literacy, and English Communication Skills. Applicants will then be given advice detailing whether the Diploma Program is the most appropriate pathway for them to undertake. Some students may be advised to undertake the [Tertiary Preparation Program](#) .

## How to apply

### Domestic students

Application for the Foundation Diplomas may be made [directly to USQ](#).

### International students

This program is available to international students. An international student is a person who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen and not an Australian permanent resident. Please refer to [USQ International](#) for information about entry requirements, visa arrangements and how to apply.

## Program fees

### Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of your higher education and you as a student pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#). Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

### 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](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [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](#).

## **Program structure**

This Program consists of four core courses followed by four courses of foundation studies in science. Students must successfully complete the four compulsory core courses before they will be enrolled in the four science courses of foundation studies.

### **Core courses**

There are four compulsory courses:

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## **IT requirements**

Students must have reliable and ready access to email and the Internet. Broadband access is required for the four compulsory core courses. Students should have access to a scanner for [DIP1003 Essential Mathematics](#). For information technology requirements, please see the [minimum computing standards](#)

Students undertaking the Diploma of Science Foundations must complete the four compulsory courses first. [DIP1000](#) and