

Master of Science (Research) (MSCR) - MSCR

CRICOS code (International applicants): 070618G

	On-campus
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
Campus:	Toowoomba
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place Research training scheme (RTS)
Standard duration:	1.5 years full-time, 3 years part-time maximum

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- completed a four-year degree at an Australian university or equivalent, with a GPA of 4.5/7.0 or above, or equivalent, in a relevant discipline

or

- completed a three-year degree at an Australian university or equivalent and have successfully completed a coursework masters, with a GPA of 4.5/7.0 or above, or equivalent score, in a relevant discipline

or

- completed a three-year degree at an Australian university or equivalent and either successfully completed a Postgraduate diploma in a relevant area or, have successfully completed a Postgraduate Certificate in a relevant area together with the equivalent of a minimum of two years work experience deemed to be appropriate by the Dean or, have very substantial equivalent industry experience deemed to be appropriate by the Dean

and

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

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Eligible 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.

How to apply

Applications for [Research Master and Doctorate programs](#) should be made directly to USQ.

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

Program structure

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There are 12 units in the program. There are four coursework units which will include a research training course. Courses are normally at level 3 or above and are selected in consultation with the supervisor to reflect additional training complementary to the area of research to be undertaken. The research training course will consist of [SCI4405 Research Practice and Ethics](#) or [HSC8050 Research Methodology for the Human Sciences](#) or equivalent (as approved by the program coordinator).

Students who have previously completed [SCI4405 Research Practice and Ethics](#) or [HSC8050 Research Methodology for the Human Sciences](#) or an equivalent course elsewhere, will be required to undertake an alternative course selected in consultation with both their project supervisor and the program coordinator.

The remaining 8-unit research project will be undertaken in consultation with an approved supervisor. The first research project course [SCI9012 Master of Science Research Project B](#) is evaluated by a progress report and a dissertation proposal.

The student will prepare a dissertation based on independently conducted research. To successfully complete the dissertation, students will be required to select a research topic, carry out supervised research on the chosen topic using an appropriate research method and present and defend the results.

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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. 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.

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Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 4 years to complete either major in this program.

Exit points

Students enrolled in the Applied Research major, who have successfully complete four coursework units and wish to exit without completing the program, may seek, with approval of the program coordinator, to exit via

Recommended enrolment pattern - Applied Research
