

# Doctor of Philosophy (DPHD) - PhD

CRICOS code (International applicants): 088073M

	<b>On-campus</b>	<b>Distance education</b>
<b>Semester intake:</b>	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
<b>Campus:</b>	Fraser Coast, Ipswich, Springfield, Toowoomba	-
<b>Fees:</b>	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place Research training scheme (RTS)	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place Research training scheme (RTS)
<b>Standard duration:</b>	Can be studied full-time or part-time (full-time candidates normally complete in 3 years).	

## Contact us

<b>Futur</b>	<b>Future International students</b>	<b>Current students</b>

Domestic and International Applicants from a non-English speaking background are required to satisfy [English language requirements](#).

If you do not meet the English language requirements you may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, Applicants may be admitted to an Award Program.

## 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](#).

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](#).

### Research training scheme (RTS)

Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents and New Zealand citizens commencing a higher degree research program may have their tuition fees paid for by the Australian Federal Government under the Research Training Scheme (RTS). A RTS place entitles a student to a maximum period of 4 years full-time fees or 8 years part-time fees on tuition fees for a Doctorate program and 2 years full-time fees or 4 years part-time fees for Masters by Research programs. As part of the enrolment process students are required to submit proof of citizenship and transcripts of all previous academic study. It is with this documentation that USQ can determine eligibility for RTS. Students who are eligible for RTS are:

- those who have not consumed a full RTS allocation previously;
- those who have already utilised RTS to successfully completed a research program. Once a student completes a higher degree research program full entitlements of RTS are restored.

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 Office of Research Graduate Studies will advise students of their eligibility for an RTS place.

## Program structure

The Doctor of Philosophy comprises a minimum of 16 units, although students would normally complete 24 units, with the option to extend to 32 units in extenuating circumstances.

Students studying full-time will need to enrol in one 4 unit course each semester (Semester 1 and Semester 2).

Part-time students will need to enrol in one 2 unit course each semester (Semester 1 and Semester 2).

## Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 4 years (Full-time) or 8 years (Part-time) to complete this program.

## Recommended enrolment pattern - Full-time

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

### **Mathematics, Arts, Business, Education or Nursing**

Full-time candidates undertaking research in Mathematics, Arts, Business, Education or Nursing should enrol in [RES9502 Doctor of Philosophy Studies Full-Time Maths, Arts, Business, Educ or Nursing](#) - Full-Time for each semester of their candidature. This will normally be for a total of six semesters. (Students should contact the relevant Faculty.)

### **Biology, Engineering, Physics or Psychology**

Full-time candidates undertaking research in Biology, Engineering, Physics or Psychology should enrol in [RES9503 Doctor of Philosophy Studies Full-Time Biology, Engine'g, Physics or Psychology](#) - Full-Time for each semester of their candidature. This will normally be for a total of six semesters.

### **Recommended enrolment pattern - Part-time**

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

### **Mathematics, Arts, Business, Education or Nursing**

Part-time candidates undertaking research in Mathematics, Arts, Business, Education or Nursing should enrol in [RES9500 Doctor of Philosophy Studies Part-Time Maths, Arts, Business, Educ or Nursing](#) - Part-Time for each semester of their candidature. This will normally be for a total of 12 semesters.

### **Biology, Engineering, Physics or Psychology**

Part-time candidates undertaking research in Biology, Engineering, Physics or Psychology should enrol in [RES9501 Doctor of Philosophy Studies Part-Time Biology, Engine'g, Physics or Psychology](#) - Part-time for each semester of their candidature. This will normally be for a total of 12 semesters.