

## Master of Laws (Research) (LLMR) - LLR

CRICOS code (International applicants): 078845K

	On-campus	Distance education
<b>Semester intake:</b>	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
<b>Campus:</b>	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>	1.5 years full-time, up to 6 years part-time	

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### Program aims

The Master of Laws by Research aims to produce graduates trained in legal research either for academic or professional purposes. The task of the Master of Laws by Research student is to undertake a significant piece of research and report it in a scholarly dissertation. The Master of Laws by Research aims to provide students with opportunities to explore the resolution of particular le

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 09. Graduates at this level will have specialised knowledge and skills for research, and/or professional practice and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting [www.aqf.edu.au](http://www.aqf.edu.au).

## Admission requirements

Candidates for the Master of Laws by Research are required to have a minimum of a three or four year, Australian Qualifications Framework level 7 Bachelor degree in Law or equivalent from a recognised university.

On application, candidates must be able to provide an outline of the dissertation topic they intend to pursue.

**Note:** Admission to the Master of Laws by Research is dependent upon the Faculty's capacity to supervise the proposed project. Prospective candidates should contact the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts for up-to-date information regarding research areas before preparing their project proposals.

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 Master of Laws by Research is a 12-unit research program comprising one unit of coursework and three Masters Dissertation courses (comprising eleven units of dissertation altogether). Students must successfully complete the following courses:

<b>Course</b>	<b>Semester of offer Distance/Online</b>	<b>Semester of offer Toowoomba campus</b>	<b>Semester of offer Springfield campus</b>
<a href="#">LAW8001 Legal Research Methodology</a> (one unit)	1, 2	1, 2	
<a href="#">LAW8002 Law Masters Dissertation A</a> (one unit)	1, 2	1, 2	1, 2
<a href="#">LAW8003 Law Masters Dissertation B</a> (two units)	1, 2	1, 2	1, 2
<a href="#">LAW8004 Law Masters Dissertation C</a> (four units)	1, 2	1, 2	1, 2

The Associate Dean Research may direct students to undertake other research courses or modules as required.0811 0 0 1 11

- a minimum grade of A for the course [LAW8001 Legal Research Methodology](#) and where applicable a minimum grade of A for another research course if required by the supervisory team
- a minimum grade of A for their research proposal from the Confirmation of Candidature panel
- achieved subsequent confirmation of Master's candidature by the Faculty of Law Research and Higher Degrees.

**Note:** Candidates will be required to meet the admission requirements for the PhD program and, if they are accepted, will be enrolled as provisional candidates with their status of enrolment for 12 months for full-time enrolment or 24 months for part-time enrolment. Students may apply for admission to the PhD program based on the Master of Laws by Research units completed. Students who are eligible for admission to the PhD after 8 units and make that option will be eligible for the Postgraduate Diploma of Law Research.

Students who are unable to complete the Master of Laws by Research program must complete 4 units including [LAW8001 Legal Research Methodology](#) (or another research course if approved by the supervisory team), [LAW8002 Law Masters Dissertation A](#), [LAW8003 Law Masters Dissertation B](#) and a research proposal with a minimum grade of C from the Confirmation of Candidature panel with a minimum grade of C to admit with a Graduate Certificate in Law Research (GCLR).

### Credit

Credit will normally be granted for the Law Masters Dissertation component. Credit for previous study should be submitted prior to or at the time of enrolment in a program. Credit will be assessed on individual merit and in line with USQ policy. Credit approved in this program will normally apply to other programs approved by USQ.

### Recommended enrolment pattern

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

Examples of recommended full-time and part-time enrolment patterns are set out below. Students requiring assistance with an enrolment pattern should contact the Faculty of Law, Education, Law and Arts.