

## Master of Science (Research) (MSCR) - MSCR

CRICOS code (International applicants): 070618G

	On-campus <sup>^</sup>	Distance education
<b>Semester intake:</b>	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
<b>Campus:</b>	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>Residential school:</b>	Toowoomba and Springfield Campuses (compulsory) Psychology Research specialisation	Toowoomba and Springfield Campuses (compulsory) Psychology Research specialisation
<b>Standard duration:</b>	1.5 years full-time, 3 years part-time maximum	

### Footnotes

<sup>^</sup> The Applied and Advanced specialisations are available externally and on-campus in Toowoomba. The Psychology Research specialisation is available externally and on-campus in Springfield only.

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### Professional accreditation

The Master of Science (Research) Psychology Research major is not accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC).

### Program aims

This program provides opportunities for motivated and highly qualified students to undertake advanced study and to produce a research-based thesis. Students will develop appropriate research skills and specialist area knowledge that will enhance their career prospects or allow them to proceed to further appropriate higher degree studies.

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The major is designed to provide students with a combination of coursework and related research which will provide and enhance student knowledge across a range of science based disciplines.

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This major is designed to provide students with extended psychology research training which will provide and enhance student knowledge in psychology research and professional psychology practices.

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This major is designed to provide students who have already undertaken substantial prior studies in a relevant area with the opportunity to focus on a significant research project in a related area.

**Transfer between majors within this program is not possible.**

## **Program objectives**

### **General objectives**

Successful completion of this program will enable graduates to:

- identify, interpret and evaluate major issues of contemporary theory and practice in their discipline area
- comprehend and evaluate developments in a chosen discipline area and critically examine the relationships between such developments and contemporary theory
- apply a knowledge of the principles and ethics of research within their chosen discipline area
- identify research topics and undertake research using appropriate methodology and current techniques
- report and publish research outcomes.

### **Major Objectives**

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Successful completion of the program will enable a graduate to:

- extend the knowledge and research expertise of students entering the major with a three year degree
- demonstrate an enhanced understanding of a selected area of science
- identify, interpret and evaluate major issues in contemporary theory and practice of scientific research in the disciplines within the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences
- apply current research techniques and methodology to the pursuit of specific research goals.

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Successful completion of the program will enable a graduate to:

- extend their knowledge, skills, and research expertise in the discipline of psychology
- apply the skills gained in the program to psychology with a high degree of proficiency
- meet the academic requirements for Associate Membership of the Australian Psychological Society
- demonstrate awareness of and apply a wide range of research methods and the ethical and social responsibilities of a practising scientist
- undertake research-oriented careers or progress to higher level studies in psychology
- identify, interpret and critically evaluate major issues in contemporary theory and practice of scientific research in psychology
- demonstrate high levels of proficiency in research and specific methodology including research planning and implementation, analysis, interpretation and evaluation of research results, and the presentation and communication of research findings.

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Successful completion of the program will enable a graduate to:

- identify, interpret and evaluate major issues in contemporary theory and practice of scientific research in the disciplines within the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences
- apply current research techniques and methodology to the pursuit of specific research goals
- extend and develop the research expertise and techniques of students entering the major with a four year degree or equiv

## Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

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

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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 Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences. 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 Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences before they apply. Applicants must then submit a [Direct Entry application](#) form together with other information as specified by the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences. The applicants must receive approval from the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences for the proposed study plan, and may also be required to attend an interview with the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences prior to confirmation of acceptance. A satisfactory level of English (IELTS of 6.5 or equivalent) is essential as per normal University research degree entry requirements.

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### Master of Science (Research) (Applied Research)

To be eligible for admission to the Master of Science (Research) (Applied Research), applicants must have:

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

and

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

### Master of Science (Research) (Psychology Research)

To be eligible for admission to the Master of Science (Research) (Psychology Research), applicants must have:

- completed a program of study approved by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) as constituting the first three years (or equivalent) of study in psychology within the last three years
- achieved a GPA of 5.0/7.0 or better in the psychology courses in an APAC accredited undergraduate program

and

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

### Master of Science (Research) (Advanced Research)

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



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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 the Program Coordinator.

### **Required time limits**

Students have a maximum of 2 years (full-time) or 4 years (part-time) to complete this program. A pro-rata adjustment of the maximum time period will apply for those students who transfer from one mode of study to another.

### **Residential schools**

The Psychology Research major may be studied externally, however compulsory attendance at the scheduled residential schools will be required on-campus in Totodied e

### **Recommended enrolment pattern - Applied Research Major (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.

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7 compulsory courses (worth eleven units) and students then select one other course from a choice of two (worth one unit). The courses are as follows.

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