

Doctor of Philosophy (DPHD) - PhD

CRICOS code (International applicants): 088073M

	On-campus	External
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
Campus:	Ipswich, Springfield, Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place Research Training Program (RTP) - Fees Offset scheme	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place Research Training Program (RTP) - Fees Offset scheme
Standard duration:	Can be studied full-time or part-time (full-time students normally complete in 3 to 4 years).	

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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 10. Graduates at this level will have systematic and critical understanding of a complex field of learning and specialised research skills for the advancement of learning

eight years part-time study for a Doctoral program, and up to a maximum period of two years for full-time or four years part-time for a Masters by Research program.

As part of the enrolment process, students are required to submit proof of citizenship or permanent residency status and transcripts of all previous academic study. This documentation enables the University of Southern Queensland to determine eligibility for an RTP Fees Offset place.

If a student's RTP Fees Offset entitlement expires before completion of the program, the student will be required to pay full tuition fees.

Students eligible for an RTP Fees Offset place are those who:

- have not used RTP Fees Offset funding in the previous three years; or
- have already used RTP Fees Offset funding and have successfully completed an HDR program. Once a student completes an HDR program, full entitlements of RTP Fees Offset are restored.

The Australian Commonwealth Government's contribution to program fees must be acknowledged on all

timely completion of the PhD program. Students are expected to complete the Confirmation of Candidature within 12 months full-time, or 24 months part-time enrolment. The Confirmation of Candidature is completed in the courses RES9510 or RES9511, and consists of two components:

- a written document; and
- an oral presentation to a review panel leading to a recommendation on Confirmation of Candidature.

The Faculty Research Office will notify students by email when the Confirmation of Candidature is due.

Student progress will be monitored by compulsory Progress Reports. Students who are deemed to be making adequate progress will be awarded an ongoing grade. Those students who fail to submit a report, or who have been deemed to be making little or no progress may be awarded a Fail grade. When the progress is not satisfactory, the student would normally be placed on conditional academic standing and performance management processes will be implemented as per the Academic Standing, Progression and Exclusion Procedure. The Office of Research Graduate Studies will notify students by email when Progress Reports are due.

The final assessment in the PhD program is the submission of PhD thesis that will be examined as per the Higher Degree Research (HDR) examination schedule outlined below.

Program completion requirements

All PhD students must successfully complete appropriate courses in Schedule A and Schedule B and complete the Confirmation of Candidature process through Schedule C. Finally, a PhD thesis must be submitted for examination as part of Schedule D.

All PhD students are required to submit a thesis for examination which will be examined by suitably qualified examiners as per the Higher Degree Research (HDR) examination schedule. A PhD degree will only be awarded on the basis of the student successfully completing the thesis examination process.

There is no prescribed minimum length for a doctoral thesis as this will vary with the research topic and the form of presentation, however, there is normally a maximum prescribed length of 80 000 words for doctoral theses. A PhD thesis may be presented in the form of a:

- Standard Thesis
- Thesis by Publication, or
- Thesis with Creative Works.

Examination Criteria for the Standard PhD Thesis and PhD Thesis by Publication

The thesis will be examined according to the following criteria:

- (1) The extent to which the student has demonstrated:
 - (a) Originality;
 - (b) Critical insight; and
 - (c) Capacity to carry out independent research; and
- (2) The extent of the contribution to knowledge made by the thesis and, in particular, its contribution to the understanding of the subject with which it deals; and
- (3) The suitability of the thesis for publication.

Examination Criteria for a PhD with Creative Works

The PhD with Creative Work Component examination criteria includes the student's demonstrated capacity to produce original creative work. The student's production of original creative work should be evidenced in the creative work itself together with an exegesis.

Required time limits

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

IT requirements

Students should visit the USQ minimum computing standards to check that their computers are capable of running the appropriate software and versions of Internet web browsers and to check the minimum and recommended standards for software.

Credit

Exemptions/credit will be assessed based on the [USQ Credit and Exemption Procedure](#).

Recommended enrolment pattern - Full-time students who commenced prior to semester 2, 2017

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.

Full-time candidates undertaking research in the following areas should enrol in [RES9502 Doctoral Research Project D \(Non-Lab\)](#)

- Engineering and Built Environment
- Health and Community (lab) i.e. sub-areas of Biomedical and Medical Laboratory Science, and, Psychology
- Sciences (lab) all sub-areas except Applied Data Science, and, Mathematics and Statistics.

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Schedule A course must be completed within the first four units of enrolment and Schedule B course must be completed within the first six units of enrolment. Schedule C course must be completed within the first eight units of enrolment. The enrolment is to be consulted with a student’s supervisor.

Full-time candidates undertaking non-lab based research should enrol in RES9500 Doctoral Research Project B (Non Lab) (2 unit) or RES9502 Doctoral Research Project D (Non Lab) (4 unit). This will normally be for a total of six semesters. (Students should contact the Faculty Research Office.)

Full-time candidates undertaking lab based research should enrol in RES9501 Doctoral Research Project B (Lab) (2 unit) or RES9503 Doctoral Research Project D (Lab)(4 unit). This will normally be for a total of six semesters. (Students should contact the Faculty Research Office.)

Part-time candidates undertaking non-lab based research should enrol in RES9506 Doctoral Research Project A (Non Lab) (1 unit) or RES9500 Doctoral Research Project B (Non Lab) (2 unit). This will normally be for a total of 12 semesters. (Students should contact the Faculty Research Office.)

Part-time candidates undertaking lab based research should enrol in RES9507 Doctoral Research Project A (Lab) (1 unit) or RES9501 Doctoral Research Project B (Lab) (2unit). This will normally be for a total of 12 semesters. (Students should contact the Faculty Research Office.)

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RES9511 Confirmation of Candidature (Lab) [#]		1, 2				1, 2	Pre-requisite: Student must be enrolled in the following Program: DPHD
Schedule D — Independent Research							
Plus 20 units of independent research from:							
RES9500 Doctoral Research Project B (Non-Lab) [#]		1, 2		1, 2			Pre-requisite: Student must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: DPHD or DOHH
RES9506 Doctoral Research Project A (Non-Lab)		1, 2		1, 2			Pre-requisite: Student must be enrolled in the following Program: DPHD
OR							
RES9501 Doctoral Research Project B (Lab) [#]		1, 2		1, 2			Pre-requisite: Student must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: DPHD or DOHH or DASC
RES9507 Doctoral Research Project A (Lab)		1, 2		1, 2			Pre-requisite: Student must be enrolled in the following Program: DPHD

Footnotes

- * DCA9000 is a two unit course. Students who wish to enrol in DCA9000 do not need to select a course from Schedule B.
- # 2 unit course