

Master of Professional Studies (Research) (MPSR) - MProfStud

CRICOS code (International applicants): 096798G

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 published material relating to a research project via a statement identifying the support received through the RTP Fees Offset scheme.

Program structure

The Master of Professional Studies (Research) is a 12-unit program. The core courses are made up of i) a foundational course, ii) recurring enrolment research project courses and a iii) publishable paper course.

Students must successfully complete the following courses:

Course	Semester of offer Online	Semester of offer Toowoomba campus
WRP9012 Fundamentals of Professional Studies (2 units) [^]	1, 2	1, 2
WRP9013 Professional Studies Research Project 2 (2 units) [*]	1, 2, 3	1, 2
WRP9014 Professional Studies Research Project 4 (4 units) [*]	1, 2, 3	1, 2
WRP9020 Professional Studies Publishable Paper A (2 units) [#]	1, 2	1, 2

Footnotes

[^] Students enrol in [WRP9012 Fundamentals of Professional Studies](#) in their first semester where they will develop their research proposal.

^{*} Students will be required to re-enrol in [WRP9013 Professional Studies Research Project 2](#) and/or [WRP9014 Professional Studies Research Project 4](#), or a combination thereof depending on whether they are part-time or full-time students to satisfy the normal program requirements totalling 12 units. See recommended enrolment patterns below.

[#] [WRP9020 Professional Studies Publishable Paper A](#) is ordinarily completed in the last semester of study, after completion of the professional studies research project and is assessed by double-blind peer review. Students wishing to complete a thesis by publication are required to take the [WRP9020 Professional Studies Publishable Paper A](#) course after confirmation of candidature at the start of the implementation of their approved research.

Program completion requirements

To graduate from the Master of Professional Studies (Research), a candidate must complete a minimum of twelve course units comprising no less than the completion of the core course [WRP9012 Fundamentals of Professional Studies](#). Students are required to compile a final master's dissertation (minimum of 15,000 words including artefacts dev's 0 0 TP Fees Of

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 3 years to complete this program.

IT requirements

Computer literacy is now expected as part of professional life, and as an integral element in the studying and learning process. Many courses make use of the Internet through online discussion groups and course web pages. Students must have reliable and ready access to e-mail and the internet. Broadband access would be a significant advantage.

Please refer to [computer requirements](#)

Twenty-four hour computer access is available at USQ.

Exit points

The exit point for students who do not complete the requirements of the Master of Professional Studies (Research) is the [Graduate Certificate of Professional Studies](#). Students will be eligible for this award if, whilst enrolled in the Master of Professional Studies (Research) they have enrolled and successfully completed at least 4 units at USQ.

A student enrolled in the Master of Professional Studies (Research) who wishes to exit without completing the program may, on the basis of outstanding performance, seek to transfer to the [Doctor of Professional Studies](#) program. To be eligible students will have:

- Completed at least 8 units
- completion of Confirmation of Candidature as applicable to the [Doctor of Professional Studies](#) program and as per the process applicable to USQ Higher Degree Research (HDR) students (see [Working towards your confirmation of candidature](#))

A transfer will involve an extension of the scope of the existing approved Master of Professional Studies (Research) project. As a result, a recommendation may be made to the University with respect to articulation to the [Doctor of Professional Studies](#) program with credit being given for the 8 units successfully undertaken within the Master of Professional Studies (Research).

Credit

Credit will not normally be granted for the [WRP9012 Fundamentals of Professional Studies](#) and [WRP9020](#)

Recommended enrolment pattern (part-time study)

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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WRP9012 Fundamentals of Professional Studies	1	1, 2			1	1, 2		two units
WRP9013 Professional Studies Research Project 2 *	1	1, 2			1	1, 2, 3		two units
WRP9013 Professional Studies Research Project 2 *	2	1, 2			2	1, 2 or 3		two units
WRP9013 Professional Studies Research Project 2 *	2	1, 2			2	1, 2 or 3		two units
WRP9013 Professional Studies Research Project 2 *	3	1, 2			3	1, 2 or 3		two units
WRP9020 Professional Studies Publishable Paper A [^]	3	1, 2			3	1, 2		two units

Footnotes

- * Students are required to re-enrol into [WRP9013 Professional Studies Research Project 2](#) thus accumulating units of professional studies research project toward the completion of their project thesis or equivalent body of work.
- [^] Students who are undertaking a thesis by publication undertake [WRP9020 Professional Studies Publishable Paper A](#) after the completion of [WRP9012 Fundamentals of Professional Studies](#) as per their proposal and in consultation with their supervisor.

Recommended enrolment pattern (full-time study)

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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WRP9012 Fundamentals of Professional Studies *	1	1 or 2			1	1 or 2		two units
WRP9013 Professional Studies Research Project 2 *	1	1, 2			1	1, 2 or 3		two units
WRP9014 Professional Studies Research Project 4 [^]	1 or 2	1, 2			1 or 2	1, 2, or 3		four units
WRP9013 Professional Studies Research Project 2 [^]	1 or 2	1, 2			1 or 2	1, 2, or 3		two units
WRP9020 Professional Studies Publishable Paper A [#]	1 or 2	1, 2			1, 2 or 3	1, 2		two units

Footnotes

- * Full time students are required to enrol in [WRP9012 Fundamentals of Professional Studies](#) and [WRP9013 Professional Studies Research Project 2](#) in their first semester of study.
- [^] Students are required to re-enrol into [WRP9014 Professional Studies Research Project 4](#) and / or [WRP9013 Professional Studies Research Project 2](#) thus accumulating units of professional studies research project toward the completion of their project thesis or equivalent body of work.
- [#] Students who are undertaking a thesis by publication undertake [WRP9020 Professional Studies Publishable Paper A](#) after the completion of [WRP9012 Fundamentals of Professional Studies](#) as per their proposal and in consultation with their supervisor.