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

and further learning. Creativity and initiative are encouraged in engaging issues that are relevant and meaningful to their professional practice and workplace challenges, helping to build the capacity and resilience of the student's organisations/communities and contribute to their self-directed learning and career development.

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.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- completion of an Australian university Bachelor degree or equivalent, and
- a minimum of five years' work experience in the chosen field of professional practice.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 3.

Admission to the Master of Professional Studies (Research) is by completed online application and interview. Anyone wishing to gain entry to the program on the basis of equivalent qualifications and/or experience should contact the University for consideration for admission on this basis.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable English language requirements.

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved English language program. On successful completion of the English language program, students 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. Students 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. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the Course Fee Finder.

Research Training Program (RTP) - Fees Offset scheme
All Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents and New Zealand citizens commencing a Higher Degree by Research (HDR) program will have their tuition fees paid by the Australian Commonwealth Government under the Research Training Program (RTP) Fees Offset scheme. The RTP Fees Offset scheme covers program fees for an HDR student up to a maximum period of four years for full-time study or up to

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.
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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 Professional Studies Publishable Paper A courses. Claims for credit from previous study should be submitted prior to or at the time of enrolment in a program. Each claim will be assessed on individual merit in line with USQ policy. Credit approved in this program will not automatically apply to other programs offered by USQ.

A maximum of six units of credit exemption can be given based on an assessment of advanced standing or other qualifying previous study. The balance of units required to complete the Master of Professional Studies (Research) (12 units) must include the compulsory completion of WRP9012 Fundamentals of Professional Studies, WRP9013 Professional Studies Research Project 2 and WRP9020 Professional Studies Publishable Paper A courses.

Recommended enrolment pattern

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.

Students may be admitted to the program at the beginning of Semester 1 or Semester 2.

Students should undertake the course WRP9012 Fundamentals of Professional Studies at the commencement of their program and prior to their enrolment in the course WRP9013 Professional Studies Research Project 2 unless agreed otherwise with their supervisor.

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.