Australia’s first internationally aligned research training pathway

Macquarie University has introduced the Bachelor of Philosophy/Master of Research, making it the first Australian university to fully align with Asian, European and North American research training qualifications.

Consistent with the Bologna Model, the Bachelor of Philosophy/Master of Research is a purpose-designed pathway to a PhD that provides structured research coursework, communication skills and research methods training to enhance your research skills. The program provides the opportunity for you to plan a major research project and undertake a feasibility study for the project.

The program gives you the best start for your research career: it provides greater background in your discipline and intense, highly structured research training to give you the skills to approach your PhD with confidence and finish sooner.

Macquarie’s research training pathway lets you:

• develop a doctoral research proposal
• find a supervisor with shared research interests
• gain in-depth research expertise
• increase your international opportunities.

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

Macquarie conducts research driven by international collaboration and leads Australia in a range of research disciplines. Home to some of the world’s pre-eminent researchers, Macquarie gives you the best study environment, ensuring that you collaborate with outstanding academics. In the Australian Government’s most recent Excellence in Research for Australia evaluation, Macquarie’s performance was rated as above or well above world standard in 40 per cent of all its research. In total, 85 per cent of Macquarie’s research activity was rated as performing at world standard or higher.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH TRAINING PARTNERSHIPS

Macquarie is proud to have high-priority current research training partnerships with universities in China, Denmark, France, Germany, Sweden and the United Kingdom. Other relationships are being developed and prospective students are encouraged to explore international research training partnership potential. For more information about international partners and opportunities visit [hdr.mq.edu.au/cotutelle-and-joint-phd](http://hdr.mq.edu.au/cotutelle-and-joint-phd)

DEGREE STRUCTURE

The Bachelor of Philosophy/Master of Research consists of the following program structure:

**Year 1** is composed of eight advanced coursework units at level 8 of the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) including research communications, a research frontiers unit and six units of advanced disciplinary content. If you successfully complete Year 1 and decide not to continue to Year 2, you can exit the program with a Bachelor of Philosophy.

**Year 2** is at the masters postgraduate program level specialising in research preparation and experience in a specific research topic at the sub-discipline level. If you successfully complete the program you will be awarded a Master of Research.

The Bachelor of Philosophy/Master of Research is available in all of Macquarie’s research areas. For a list of available disciplines visit [mq.edu.au/research_pathway](http://mq.edu.au/research_pathway)

APPLYING FOR THE BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY/MASTER OF RESEARCH

To apply for the program, simply submit an application form with original or certified copies of the required supporting documents. For documents in a language other than English, an accompanying official English translation must be provided. Proof of English proficiency may be required. For more information and to download an application form visit [mq.edu.au/mres](http://mq.edu.au/mres)
SCHOLARSHIPS AND FEES

Domestic candidates
Commonwealth supported places are available for domestic students undertaking Year 1 of the program. As a domestic student you will be enrolled in the Bachelor of Philosophy as a Commonwealth supported student and will be liable for student contribution amounts that may be deferred through the HECS-HELP scheme if eligibility requirements are met.

If you continue into the second year, the Master of Research, you will be supported by the Commonwealth through the Research Training scheme (RTS).

As a full-time domestic student entering the program in 2015 you will be eligible for a stipend, and if you achieve an average grade of 75 per cent in the first year, you will be eligible in the second year for a further generous stipend.

International candidates
Tuition fees apply for the Master of Research program. Limited scholarships are available to high-achieving candidates through the International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (IPRS) round. Further scholarship opportunities may be available through your home government, or related to specific research projects.

Pathway to PhD
If you complete the Master of Research with a grade of 85 per cent or above, you may be eligible for a Macquarie University PhD scholarship.

In addition, the Australian Government also offers generous scholarships for PhD candidates. For more information on scholarships and fees visit hdr.mq.edu.au/mres/fees or hdr.mq.edu.au/scholarships

CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS STUDIES
The Bachelor of Philosophy/Master of Research is a two-year program. If you hold an honours degree, a professional masters degree or an incomplete academic masters degree you may apply for credit for previous study of up to 32 credit points (one year). This may allow you to complete the Master of Research in less than two years.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS
Applicants (domestic and international) whose academic qualifications were obtained from a country where English is not the official language, are required to provide evidence of English language proficiency. The University accepts both IELTS and TOEFL as proof of English language proficiency.

Full offers of admission into the program can only be made when both academic and English requirements have been met.

For more information about English language requirements visit hdr.mq.edu.au/mres/applications

RESEARCH TRAINING PATHWAY ACADEMIC ADVISORS
Academic advisors are your first contact when discussing your research interests. Macquarie has research strengths in the following areas:

- Biological sciences
- Built environment and design
- Business and economics
- Chemical and biomolecular sciences
- Creative arts, communication and culture
- Earth sciences
- Education
- Engineering
- Environmental sciences
- Health sciences
- History and archaeology
- Human society
- Information and computing sciences
- Languages and linguistics
- Law and legal studies
- Mathematical sciences
- Medicine and surgery
- Macquarie Graduate School of Management
- Philosophy
- Physics and astronomy
- Psychology and cognitive science

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