**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 will be awarded 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.

For more information and to download an application form visit [mq.edu.au/mres](http://mq.edu.au/mres)

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**Australia’s first internationally aligned research training pathway**

In 2013, Macquarie University introduced the Bachelor of Philosophy/Master of Research (BPhil/MRes), 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 which 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 2012 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.
SCHOLARSHIPS AND FEES

Domestic students
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 which 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 2014 you will be eligible for a stipend of $8000. If you achieve an average grade of 75 per cent in the first year you will be eligible in the second year for a stipend of $16,000.

International students
Tuition fees apply for the Master of Research program. Successful applicants will be considered for one of Macquarie’s stipends to assist with tuition fees or living expenses. The stipends are specifically for students in the Master of Research. Further scholarship opportunities may be available through your home government.

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.

Alternatively, the Australian Government offers scholarships for PhD study.

CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS STUDIES
The Bachelor of Philosophy/Master of Research is a two-year program commencing at the beginning of each year. If you hold 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 one year by completing the research communications unit, the foundation research program components of Year 2 and the project design.

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 English requirements have been met.