Overview

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree is offered in all faculties of the University of New South Wales and encourages initiative and originality in research. Candidates should make a significant and original contribution to knowledge in their field. See UNSW Higher Degree Research Learning Outcomes.

This program involves a minimum of three years full-time study. Students undertake supervised research leading to the production of the thesis.

The length of a doctoral thesis normally should not exceed 100,000 words of text and should be submitted for examination within 4 years of full-time study.

Some advanced coursework may also be prescribed.
Faculty
UNSW Canberra at ADFA

Campus
Canberra

Study Level
Research

Typical duration
3 to 4 Years

Delivery Mode
Research

Academic Calendar
Research Calendar

Minimum Units of Credit
144

Award type
Doctor of Philosophy

Award(s)
Doctor of Philosophy -
PhD

CRICOS Code
085748G
Admission Requirements

Entry Requirements

As a general guide, the UNSW entry requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy are as follows:

- A candidate for the degree shall have been awarded an appropriate degree of Bachelor with Honours from the University of New South Wales or a qualification considered equivalent from another university or tertiary institution at a level acceptable to the UNSW Canberra Higher Degree Committee.
- In exceptional cases an applicant who submits evidence of such other academic and professional qualifications as may be approved by the Committee may be permitted to enrol for the degree.

However, as each Faculty manages its own PhD programs, prospective local and international research students should check with UNSW Canberra and/or School for specific entry requirements.

Candidates may be admitted to the PhD program after 9-12 months full-time enrolment in a Masters by Research program, following a confirmation of candidature review to the satisfaction of the relevant Head of School, and with the approval of the UNSW Canberra Higher Degree Committee.

English language requirements also apply. Please see the UNSW English Requirements Policy.

For further information, see the Admission to Higher Degree Research Programs Procedure.

For more information about admission requirements for various UNSW programs, visit the following website(s):

Domestic Students
International Student
**Additional Information**

Prospective students are strongly advised to make contact with a potential supervisor and the UNSW Canberra Research Student Unit before applying for research study at the University.

Further information about the PhD program and scholarships at UNSW Canberra can be found by emailing a query via rsu@adfa.edu.au

Please refer to the UNSW Canberra Future Students website for further information on how to apply, scholarships, English language requirements, thesis preparation and other research related matters

**Further Information**

- [Progress Review and Confirmation of Research Candidature Procedure](#)
- [Thesis Examination Procedures](#)
- [Conditions for Award of Doctor of Philosophy Policy](#)

For further information on policies, procedures and forms, see the [Graduate Research](#) website.
**Program Fees**

At UNSW fees are generally charged at course level and therefore dependent upon individual enrolment and other factors such as student's residency status. For generic information on fees and additional expenses of UNSW programs, click on one of the following:

- Domestic Students
- Commonwealth Supported Students
- International Students
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