Overview

The Master of Science by research program is designed primarily as training in a program of advanced study and research. The candidate learns the fundamentals of research and acquires new techniques. The program may include formal coursework which is normally intended to prepare the candidate for work on the thesis. The candidate must undertake an original investigation but this would normally be more limited in scope and degree of originality than is required for a doctorate. Although originality is to be encouraged as much as possible, the work will be closely supervised in the early problem formulation stages and whenever a new technique is being used.

Contact the School of Physical, Environmental and Mathematical Sciences for further information.

See UNSW Higher Degree Research Learning Outcomes.

Program structure

The Master of Science by research program requires a minimum three academic semesters (i.e. 1.5 years) of full-time study and the preparation of a thesis. The length of a Masters by research thesis normally should not exceed 60,000 words of text.
Faculty
UNSW Canberra at ADFA

Campus
Canberra

Study Level
Research

Typical duration
2 Years

Delivery Mode
Research

Academic Calendar
Research Calendar

Minimum Units of Credit
96

Award type
Masters (Research)

Award(s)
Master of Science - MSc

CRICOS Code
085780G
Admission Requirements

Entry Requirements

(1) A candidate for the degree shall have been awarded at a standard not below Honours Class 2 an appropriate degree of Bachelor from The University of New South Wales or a qualification considered equivalent from another university or tertiary institution.

(2) In exceptional cases an applicant who submits evidence of such other academic and/or professional qualifications as may be approved by the Committee may be permitted to enrol for the degree.

(3) If the Committee is not satisfied with the qualifications submitted by an applicant the Committee may require the applicant, before being permitted to enrol, to undergo such examination or carry out such work as the Committee may prescribe.

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

Conditions of Award

The degree of Master of Science by research may be awarded by the Council on the recommendation of the UNSW Canberra Higher Degree Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) to a candidate who has demonstrated ability to undertake research by the submission of a thesis embodying the results of an original investigation.

Prospective students

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 Master of Science by research program 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

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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