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# Higher Degrees by Research

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# Create a new world with a Higher Degree by Research

Bring your passion to a University that shares your ambition to create a better world. Our research partnerships, industry-active academics and placement options will equip you with practical and applied skills to develop your career.

Deakin University is home to world-class facilities, a network of academic supervisors who are leaders in their fields, and many globally-significant research projects.

Approximately 1,800 Higher Degree by Research students are taking advantage of our exceptional facilities, strategic partnerships, innovative research centres and excellent reputation.

All research degrees at Deakin meet Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) standards to ensure national recognition and consistency, as well as a common understanding across Australia of what defines each qualification. Our research degrees are internationally recognised and highly regarded, and for domestic applicants, fees are not applicable.

## Deakin offers two main types of higher degrees by research:

### Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

A PhD is awarded for a substantial original contribution to knowledge achieved in the expected completion time of three years, with a time limit of four years. The thesis may be presented in several formats and is usually limited to 100,000 words.

### Master by Research

A Master by Research degree is awarded for an original contribution to knowledge achieved in up to two years of full-time candidature (or two to four years of part-time candidature). Usually a written thesis of no more than 50,000 words is submitted, although the thesis may be presented in several formats.

## World-class research

- 95% of ERA-assessed broad research fields, and 100% of specific research sub-fields at Deakin have been rated at, above, or well above world standard (Excellence in Research for Australia 2019).
- We're in the top 1% in global rankings (according to major international university ranking ARWU 2019).
- We were awarded a 5-star rating by QS, indicating that we're world-class in a broad range of areas, have cutting-edge facilities and are internationally-renowned for our research and teaching.
- Seven of our researchers were included in the 2019 Thomson Reuters annual listing of researchers most cited in academic journals, ranked in the top one per cent of researchers in their field.

## Join a research community from 50+ countries

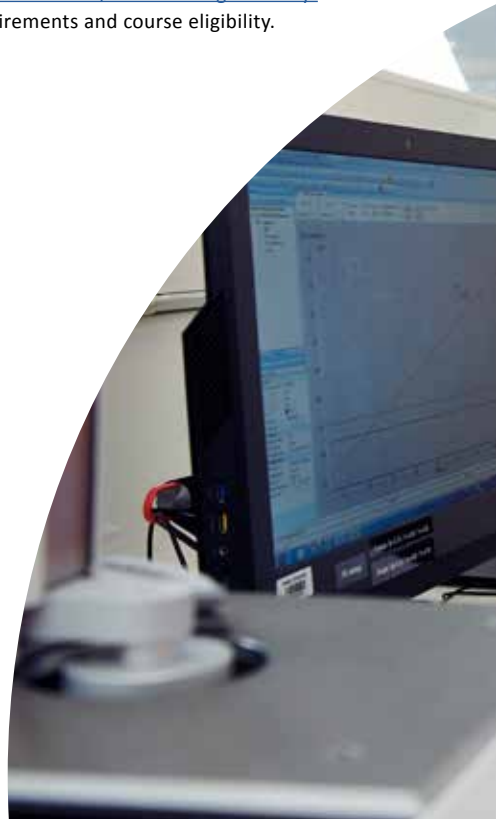
Deakin offers access to a globally-recognised research network. Collaborate with research partners nationally and internationally and present at prestigious conferences where you can form lifelong relationships with colleagues around the world.

## Flexible study options

Deakin research degree students enjoy flexible study options, including the ability to work off-campus and/or undertake part-time study. Deakin has research degree students living in other states and overseas. We bring students together with peers and supervisors, regardless of location.

## Research degree eligibility and entry pathways

Students wanting to enrol in a research degree at Deakin must have a demonstrated ability to undertake significant research in a defined area of interest. Your prior studies will have included advanced coursework in a relevant field, initial training in appropriate research methods and submission of a significant research component in a written report or comparable output. Refer to [deakin.edu.au/research-degree-entry-pathways](https://deakin.edu.au/research-degree-entry-pathways) for a list of entry requirements and course eligibility.





"I chose Deakin as an undergraduate because I felt that it was modern and hands-on, with so much new technology. The space instantly spoke to me, as a person interested in photography and contemporary literature. I chose Deakin for my HDR because it is one of the only universities in the country with a major in children's literature and we have the best experts in Australia."

**Emma Whatman**  
PhD, Arts and Education

### Scholarships

Applying for a scholarship isn't just about filling in a form – it's also about what you can bring to the Deakin community. To be competitive for a research scholarship you'll need to have an H1 grade average or equivalent. Please see individual scholarship terms and conditions for further information at [deakin.edu.au/scholarships](https://deakin.edu.au/scholarships).

### Support for researchers

Deakin Research provides academic and professional support, as well as assistance in finding, applying and managing research grants, awards and prizes. From induction workshops to presentation training, you will be supported throughout your higher degree. There are also networking opportunities, assistance with completing a thesis and sessions on preparing for life after completion.

### PhD Xtra

Join the world's best and brightest research professionals in our PhD Xtra program. PhD Xtra equips Higher Degree by Research students with the knowledge and skills needed for success in a rapidly changing and highly competitive research and employment environment. The program allows you to develop an individual, flexible learning plan tailored to your needs with accredited research training, additional program content and career pathway placements that provide relevant industry experience. Find out more at [deakin.edu.au/phd-xtra](https://deakin.edu.au/phd-xtra).

### How to apply

Visit [deakin.edu.au/research-degrees](https://deakin.edu.au/research-degrees) to learn details about research degrees available. At this link you will find the online application form and information about scholarship opportunities.

### Want to know more?

Feel free to contact the team at [research-hdr@deakin.edu.au](mailto:research-hdr@deakin.edu.au) ; or +61 3 9244 5258.



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Course name	Course code	Course duration <sup>1</sup>	Campus
Master of Surgical Research	H801	2	WP
Master of Social Work	H803	2	C WF
Master of Science (Information Technology) IISRI	F843	2	B C WP
Master of Science (Information Technology) A2I2	F873	2	B C WP
Master of Science (Information Technology)	S813	2	B C WP
Master of Science (Environmental Science)	S810	2	B C WP W
Master of Science (Biology and Chem Sciences) IFM	F802	2	B C WP
Master of Science (Biology and Chem Sciences)	S811	2	B C WP
Master of Philosophy	H800	2	WP
Master of Nursing	H821	1.5	B C WP W
Master of Laws – Major Thesis	M810	2	B C WP
Master of Engineering – IISRI	F845	2	WP C
Master of Engineering – IFM	F805	2	WP C
Master of Engineering	S825	2	WP C
Master of Education (Research)	E850	2	B C WP W
Master of Construction Management (Research)	S805	2	WF C
Master of Arts	A800	2	B C WP W
Master of Architecture (Research)	S800	2	WF C
Master of Applied Science (Health)	H861	2	C WP B WF
Master of Applied Science (Health and Disease)	H860	2	C WP B
Doctor of Psychology (Clinical)	H951	4	B
Doctor of Philosophy (Public Health & Health Services)	H930	3	C WP B WF
Doctor of Philosophy (Psychology)	H950	4	B WF C W
Doctor of Philosophy (Nutrition and Public Health)	H910	3	C WP B WF
Doctor of Philosophy (Nursing)	H920	3	B WF C W
Doctor of Philosophy (Information Technology) IISRI	F943	3	C WP B
Doctor of Philosophy (Information Technology) A2I2	F975	3	C WP B
Doctor of Philosophy	S913	3	C WP B



Cloud Campus	C
Melbourne Burwood Campus	B
Warrnambool Campus	W
Geelong Waterfront Campus	WF
Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus	WP
Course code	H961
Duration in years full time	3

Course name	Course code	Course duration <sup>1</sup>	Campus
Doctor of Philosophy (Health)	H961	3	B C WP W
Doctor of Philosophy (Health and Disease)	H960	4	B C WP W
Doctor of Philosophy (Exercise Science and Sport)	H940	4	B C WP WF
Doctor of Philosophy (Environmental Science)	S910	3	B C WP W
Doctor of Philosophy (Engineering) IISRI	F945	3	C WP B
Doctor of Philosophy (Engineering) IFM	F905	3	C WP B
Doctor of Philosophy (Engineering)	S915	3	C WP B
Doctor of Philosophy (Education)	E900	3	B C WP W
Doctor of Philosophy (Copenhagen)	H902	4	B C WP WF
Doctor of Philosophy (Business and Law)	M900	3	B C WP W
Doctor of Philosophy (Biology and Chemistry) IFM	F902	3	C WP B
Doctor of Philosophy (Biology and Chemistry)	S911	3	C WP B
Doctor of Philosophy (Arts)	A900	3	B C WP WF W
Doctor of Philosophy (Architecture & Built Env)	S917	3	C WF

<sup>1</sup> Course duration is the length of the course in years, based on completing the course full time.

Fees are not applicable for domestic HDR applicants.



“My HDR at Deakin has been a really positive experience. I’ve been able to confront and overcome several challenges, primarily to do with large-scale field experiments, which will help me through my career as an ecologist. I’ve gained a lot of skills, particularly in trapping and handling animals and designing experiments, and I’m looking forward to learning more about statistical analysis. I did my undergraduate degree at Deakin and what stood out was the friendly and approachable staff, who encouraged me to do my PhD.”

**Darcy James Watchorn**  
PhD student, Environmental Science

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