

# Doctor of Philosophy



LOCATION	START
Sunshine Coast	
Gympie	
Moreton Bay	
Caboolture	
Fraser Coast	

Foster your independent research skills, scholarly analysis and ability to communicate research findings.

A PhD is awarded on the basis of a thesis produced under supervision that makes an original, significant and extensive contribution to knowledge in the relevant field of study, as judged by independent experts applying accepted contemporary international standards.

#### Career opportunities

- Communication and media studies
- Creative arts
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Society and culture
- Environment and sustainability
- Management and business
- Law
- Health-related disciplines

#### Duration

4 years

Full-time or equivalent part-time

#### Delivery mode

Internal, external,

#### UniSC program code

UN901

## Program structure

A Higher Degree by Research (HDR) is a supervised research program that requires original research resulting in a thesis or a thesis and exegesis.

During the PhD program, PhD candidates are required to achieve several milestones that relate to their research training.

Milestones are program requirements and periodic assessments of candidature progression. Milestones are distributed throughout HDR candidature providing structure and mechanism for regular review and feedback on progress towards both the research project and attainment of the University's Research Graduate Attributes.

In addition to HDR program milestones, some candidates may also have:

- project milestones (such as external progress reports to third party funding providers) that they are required to contribute to; and
- scholarship conditions as specified in their scholarship conditions document

Information on HDR milestones is available in the USC Higher Degree by Research Candidature Progression - Guidelines.

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