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Doctor of Philosophy

About the program

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) is an advanced research program that fosters the development of independent research skills, scholarly analysis and an ability to communicate research findings.

The University of the Sunshine Coast has a team of enthusiastic and experienced academics able to provide supervision across a broad range of research areas.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission to Doctor of Philosophy candidature, applicants are normally required to hold:

(a) a Bachelor Honours degree (AQF Level 8) with a significant research component with a minimum of Class IIA from a recognised higher education institution; or

(b) a Masters degree (AQF Level 9) with a significant research component equivalent to Honours degree research component from a recognised higher education institution; or

(c) a Bachelor degree (AQF Level 7) from a recognised higher education institution, and shall have achieved by subsequent work and study a standard equivalent to at least Class IIA Honours as may be approved by the Research Degrees Committee; or

(d) a record of research or professional qualifications deemed by the Research Degrees Committee to be of a standard equivalent to at least Bachelors Honours degree Class IIA and providing a suitable

background for the doctoral research the candidate is proposing to undertake.

Refer also to the University's English language requirements.

Research areas

The Faculty of Arts, Business and Law supports research in the following areas:

- Communication and media studies
Screen and media studies Internet media studies Journalism Public communication and promotion Public relations and advocacy
- Creative arts Art and digital design
Drama Creative writing and literature Interactive technologies and games
- Mental health and wellbeing
Psychology Counselling and psychotherapy Accident and safety research
- Society and culture Geography, anthropology and development studies Indigenous studies Language studies Historical studies Politics and international relations Social work and policy
- Environment and sustainability
Climate change Coastal management Tourism, leisure and events Planning Natural resource management Plantation and native forest research
- Management and business
Management Entrepreneurship and innovation Economics, finance and accounting Property economics and development Marketing Information technologies

LOCATION

Sippy Downs

DURATION

3 years full-time; 6 years part-time.

COMMENCE

More information

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- Law

The Faculty of Science, Health, Education and Engineering supports research in the following areas:

- Aboriginal health
- Alcohol and drug abuse
- Best practice in nursing education
- Cancer prevention and control
- Cardiac rehabilitation
- Changing roles in nursing
- Chronic disease adaptation
- Dementia care
- Education
- Environmental epidemiology
- Equine influenza
- Genecology Research Centre
- Health promotion
- Human health and performance
- Infectious diseases
- Injury prevention
- Maternal and child health
- Maternal and infant nutrition
- Mental health
- Motion analysis
- Nutrition and dietetics
- Obesity
- Promoting young mothers success at university
- Skin health
- Smoking cessation and relapse prevention
- Sports biomechanics
- Women's experiences of midwifery practice