Build upon your experience in education to conduct research that contributes to creating lasting social change. This program allows you to design research that is educationally significant. You will be guided by expert supervisors from planning through to completion, with access to regular training, professional development, conferences, and publications.

In this program you will:
- Receive expert guidance in research theories and methodologies
- Choose to study full-time or part-time, with blended learning opportunities
- Specialise in an area of research that contributes to education scholarship
- Have access to a range of opportunities to fine-tune your postgraduate level research skills
- Have the opportunity to participate and present at conferences

Career opportunities
- Head of Department
- School or program leader
- Academic
- Education advisor

Admission requirements
To be eligible for admission to Master of Education by Research candidature, applicants are normally required to hold either:
- a four-year undergraduate degree in an appropriate discipline with a GPA of 5 (on a 7 point scale) or equivalent, together with professional expertise in a specific field of education or training and a demonstrated potential to engage in research
- a Graduate Diploma or Graduate Certificate in Education with a GPA of 5 or better (on a 7 point scale) or equivalent together with professional expertise in a specific field of education or training and a demonstrated potential to engage in research
- a bachelor degree with Class 1 Honours or Class 2 Division I or Division II Honours
- admission is subject to the availability of appropriate supervision and facilities.

Refer also to the University’s English language requirements.

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PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The program has four distinct phases—proposal and affirmation of candidature, writing of the thesis, presentation of a scholarly paper to a significant national or international audience, and examination of the thesis.

As a candidate you complete one required course, EDN705 Education Research Theories and Methodologies (24 units) which addresses the need to embed research enquiry in a particular research paradigm. You investigate a number of research paradigms and a range of research methods that may offer understandings and tools to interrogate a research problem.

And demonstrate an understanding of the interplay among research paradigms, epistemology, and methodology and research methods before initiating your research project.

You are required to write a scholarly thesis of 40,000 words (168 units) in a specific professional field, which demonstrates that you are making a significant contribution to knowledge and practice in your professional context.

The thesis should also contribute to scholarship within your particular field of study.