



What research degree programs can I study with the UniSA Business School?

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD):

The PhD program is aimed at candidates who have demonstrated academic research capabilities. The program is 4 years (full-time), examination is by thesis and oral video defence. As part of the research training students are required to participate in development and training activities including attendance at workshops and seminars. Research can be undertaken in any of the Business School's key research areas provided there is qualified and available supervision.

<http://www.unisabusinessschool.edu.au/study/research/doctor-of-philosophy/>

Masters by Research:

The Masters by Research program is aimed at candidates who may not have a research background but are interested in undertaking research. The program is 2 years (full-time), examination is by thesis. As part of the research training students are required to participate in development and training activities including attendance at workshops and seminars. Research can be undertaken in any of the Business School's key research areas provided there is qualified and available supervision.

The Masters by Research program is a pathway to the PhD program.

<http://www.unisabusinessschool.edu.au/study/research/masters-by-research/>

Where can I find information about the Business School's key research areas in commerce, management, marketing and law?

The Business School's research areas include: marketing; human resources and organisational behaviour; applied economics; finance; sports, tourism and leisure management; arts management; property; law; management and corporate social responsibility; accounting; and international business.

More information about our key research areas can be found at the following program pages.

PhD: <http://programs.unisa.edu.au/public/pcms/program.aspx?pageid=140&sid=1221>

Masters by Research: <http://programs.unisa.edu.au/public/pcms/program.aspx?pageid=133&sid=1143>

Am I eligible for a research degree?

Applicants for a research degree program must meet the minimum entry criteria prior to submitting an application. International applicants must also meet the English language requirements and upload documentary evidence with your application as to how you meet the minimum criteria.

Entry requirements and eligibility: <http://www.unisa.edu.au/Research/Research-degrees/Entry-requirements-and-eligibility/>

English language requirements: <http://www.unisa.edu.au/Research/Research-degrees/How-to-apply/English-language-requirements/>

Entry criteria – Masters by Research

You need to have successfully completed either a:

- 3 year Bachelor degree with a credit average; or
- Honours degree (1, 2 or 3); or
- Masters by Coursework

At least one of the degrees must be in a discipline relevant to your intended field of research.

Entry Criteria - PhD

You need to have successfully completed either a:

- Bachelor degree plus an Honours degree (1 or 2A); or
- Masters by Research; or
- Masters by Coursework with a significant research component; or
- undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree PLUS significant work experience and at least 2 quality academic publications.

At least one of the degrees must be in a discipline relevant to your intended field of research.

Pathways to a research degree program: <http://unisabusinessschool.edu.au/globalassets/studymba/docs/unisa-business-school-research-degrees-pathways.pdf>

Do I need a supervisor prior to submitting an application?

In your online application you will be asked to nominate a supervisor - however in the Business School you do not need to seek approval from a supervisor before you apply. Please see below further information regarding nominating a supervisor according to the relevant school's preference.

Please refer to the specific requirements with regards to your proposed research area as follows:

Commerce and Law: If your proposed research area is in the field of commerce or law, it is preferred that you nominate a supervisor you would be interested in having as your supervisor, but it is not mandatory. You can search for potential supervisors [here](#) or contact the relevant Research Education Portfolio Leader in the School of Commerce or the School of Law to discuss potential supervision.

Management: If your proposed research area is in the field of management it is mandatory to upload a document to your application nominating 1-4 academics who you would be interested in having as your supervisor. You do not need to contact your nominated supervisors to seek approval. It is a nomination only and this information will be considered during the assessment process and if there is supervision available in your research area, the School of Management will appoint a supervisory team on your behalf.

Marketing: If your proposed research area is in the field of marketing, you should contact the School of Marketing and the school will work with you to identify the best project and supervisory team to suit your skills and interests before you apply.

If you are not sure which field your research area fits into, please refer to the following webpage for more information: <http://programs.unisa.edu.au/public/pcms/program.aspx?pageid=14O&sid=1221>

Who can I contact for more information about potential research areas, projects or supervision in my area of interest?

School of Commerce: Professor Carol Tilt; Research Education Portfolio Leader
Carol.Tilt@unisa.edu.au

School of Management: Dr Ruchi Sinha; Research Education Portfolio Leader
Ruchi.Sinha@unisa.edu.au

School of Law: Dr Mia Rahim; Research Education Portfolio Leader
Mia.Rahim@unisa.edu.au

School of Marketing: Ms Kirsty Willis, Market Research Manager
Kirsty.Willis@unisa.edu.au

Where can I find information about scholarships and closing dates?

University-wide research degree scholarships are available to help finance your degree. Scholarship allocation is a highly competitive process, based on academic merit and area of research. Students will generally commence in the research degree program in February of the following year. Applicants must indicate in their online application for admission if they want to apply for a university-wide scholarship.

Information about scholarships is available at: <http://www.unisa.edu.au/Research/Research-degrees/How-to-apply/4-Find-a-scholarship/>

International applicants in the research area of management: Last application date for admission and/or university-wide scholarship – 10 August.

International applicants in the research area of commerce, law and marketing: Last application date for admission and/or university-wide scholarship – 31 August.

Domestic applicants in the research area of management: Last application date for admission and/or university-wide scholarship – 10 October.

Domestic applicants in the research area of commerce, law and marketing: Last application date for admission and/or university-wide scholarship – 31 October.

If I am currently undertaking an undergraduate or postgraduate degree - can I apply for a research degree program before I have completed my current degree?

Yes, you can apply for a research degree program before you complete your current degree, however you are not permitted to be enrolled in the program until your degree has been conferred. If your application is successful, you would receive an offer of admission that is conditional on the successful completion of your current degree.

How do I apply for a research degree?

Applications are made through Apply Online, our secure online service. When you are ready to submit an application through Apply Online, you will need to provide details about your proposed research including the proposed research outline, your academic qualifications, professional experience, academic referee reports and any scholarship you may wish to apply for.

How to apply for a PhD and Masters by Research degree: <http://unisa.edu.au/Research/Research-degrees/How-to-apply/>

Additional application requirements – research in management

If your research area is in the field of management, there are additional application requirements.

How to apply for a PhD in the field of management:

<http://unisabusinessschool.edu.au/globalassets/global/docs/studying-a-phd-in-management.pdf>

How to apply for a Masters by Research in the field of management:

<http://unisabusinessschool.edu.au/globalassets/global/docs/study-a-masters-by-research-in-management.pdf>

What are the program codes?

PhD: Program code – DPBU

Masters by Research: Program code – DMRU

What are the tuition fees for a research degree?

Domestic students:

Under the Australian Government's Research Training Program (RTP), Australian research degree students are exempt from tuition fees for the approved degree duration. Students who exceed these times are liable to pay tuition fees.

- PhD students are exempt from tuition fees for up to the equivalent of 4 years full time;
- Masters by Research students are exempt from tuition fees for up to the equivalent of 2 years full time.

International students:

Annual program fees are AU\$32,700 for 2018.

How long does it take to receive an offer of admission and/or scholarship?

It generally takes about **6-8 weeks** after the closing date of applications for applicants to receive an offer of admission and/or scholarship, or notification in the event that the application was not successful.

How do I start exploring my topic of interest?

We recommend that you start by looking at what academic research is available in your area of interest. The following links will provide you with resources to search for good quality academic journals in order to review literature about your area:

Google Scholar: <http://scholar.google.com.au/>

Social Science Research Network: <http://www.ssrn.com/en/>

UniSA Research Outputs Repository: <http://search.ror.unisa.edu.au/>

Who can I contact with further enquiries about a research degree and how to apply?

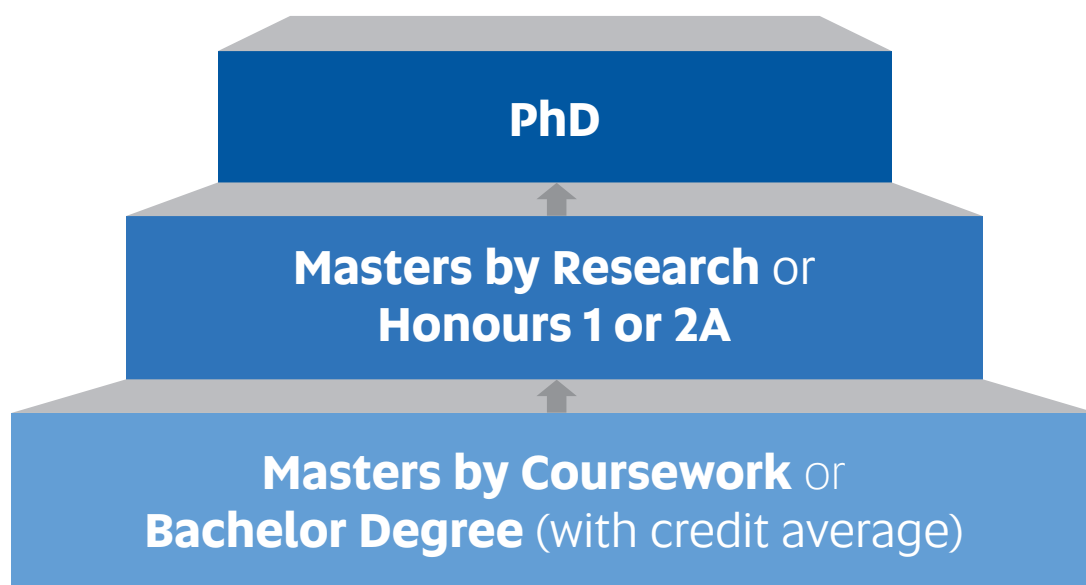
Business School Research Office: PhDEnquiriesBusiness@unisa.edu.au

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