



Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Overview

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) is the basic qualification for a research career or academic position. The PhD involves two to four years of research for a full-time candidate or the equivalent in half-time candidature. In the course of completing the degree under appropriate supervision, candidates develop the capacity to conduct research independently at a high level of originality and quality and make a significant original contribution to knowledge in their chosen discipline.

Program Objectives

Students of the Doctor of Philosophy program will:

- > produce a clearly, accurately and cogently written thesis that is suitably illustrated and documented;
- > demonstrate a deep knowledge of the research topic;
- > relate the research topic to the broader frame-work of the discipline within which it falls;
- > demonstrate an independence of thought and approach; and
- > make a significant and original contribution to knowledge by the discovery of new facts, the formulation of theories, or the innovative reinterpretation of known data and established ideas.

Program Duration

A candidate may proceed to the degree by full-time study or, by half-time study. The work for the degree shall be completed and the thesis submitted:

- > in the case of a full-time candidate, not less than two years and not more than four years from the date of commencement of candidature
- > in the case of a half-time candidate, not less than four years and not more than eight years from the date of commencement of candidature

Fees

The Doctor of Philosophy is classified as a Higher Degree by Research and funded by the Research Training Scheme. Therefore there is no direct cost for Australian students, however international students will be required to pay full fees.

Entry Requirements

Admission to doctoral candidature is normally granted on the basis of a relevant Bachelor's degree with at least a second class Honours (upper division) or a relevant Masters degree that contains a significant research component (normally at least 15 University of Adelaide credit points of research or equivalent). Coursework degrees that do not contain a significant research component are not acceptable for the purposes of admission to a PhD.

Students are encouraged to apply for a Master of Clinical Science if they do not fulfill the requirements of a PhD.

Applications

Prospective students should contact the School and speak to the Program Coordinator prior to lodging an application form. Application forms and admission information for the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program can be found on the University of Adelaide Graduate Centre website at www.adelaide.edu.au/graduatecentre/scholarships/

Application forms need to be completed online using the relevant link to either Domestic or International Applicants.

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