

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Graduate Research School

Offered in all Faculties

The minimum length of candidature is 3 years and the maximum length is 4 years.

- Full-time enrolment in a PhD program is on the basis of 35-40 hours per week, 48 weeks per year (candidates can take up to 4 weeks holiday)
- Part-time enrolment in a PhD program is on the basis of 15-20 hours per week, 48 weeks per year (candidates can take up to 4 weeks holiday)

The minimum requirement for admission to a PhD degree is:

- an appropriate four year degree of Bachelor with first or upper second class Honours from the University of New South Wales, **or**
- a completed Masters by Research including substantial research component from the University of New South Wales, **or**
- a qualification at a level from another tertiary institution considered equivalent by the Faculty Research Committee or Higher Degree Committee (HDC)

In exceptional cases, an applicant who the HDC considers holds academic and professional qualifications equivalent to the required qualifications may be permitted to enrol in the degree.

These conditions are specified in the [UNSW Admissions Policy](#)

In addition to these academic requirements, the Head of School or Postgraduate Coordinator in the School, or the Associate Dean (Research or Research Training) or equivalent recommends the appointment of a primary or secondary supervisor, joint supervisor or a supervisory panel to the Dean of Graduate Research. This recommendation must be on the basis of appropriate space, resources and expertise being available to support the proposed research candidature.

This information is specified in the [UNSW HDR Supervision Policy](#)

A PhD may be awarded to a candidate who completes a piece of research that demonstrates a significant and original contribution to knowledge in their field of study. Candidates acquire advanced specialist research training and produce a thesis that summarises the research and provides evidence for independent thought and critical analysis, effective communication and expert knowledge of the discipline in the international context.

For further information please review the [UNSW Conditions for Award of Doctor of Philosophy Policy](#)

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