

Graduate research degrees

The University of Melbourne's Graduate School of Education is widely recognised as a leader in Australian education research. As one of our students, you will be supervised by experts in their fields, who will support you to design a research study that will help you address complex educational challenges.

Degree	Key features	Entry requirements **
Doctor of Philosophy – Education		
<p>Duration Up to 4 years full time, 8 years part time</p> <p>Delivery mode On campus</p> <p>Entry Semester 1, Semester 2</p> <p>Fees Domestic RTP* only International fee place</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will complete a substantial piece of original research (80,000 word thesis) under academic supervision, developing authoritative knowledge in your field A PhD thesis makes a distinct contribution to existing knowledge, by using an original approach, interpreting findings in a new light or discovering new information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least a four-year honours degree at H2A (75%) standard from an Australian university, or a qualification or combination of qualifications considered by the GR*** Committee to be equivalent, that are relevant to the area of study Evidence of capacity to undertake research as prescribed in the University Handbook Evidence that the knowledge of the discipline in which the research higher degree is planned is current
Doctor of Education		
<p>Duration Up to 4 years full time, 8 years part time</p> <p>Delivery mode On campus</p> <p>Entry Semester 1 only (January)</p> <p>Fees Domestic RTP* only International fee place</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced professional doctorate for experienced professionals with educational responsibilities Complete 100 points of specialist coursework and a 55,000 word doctoral thesis in your chosen field 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masters, or equivalent in the discipline of education or a related field relevant to the proposed area of study a weighted average mark of at least 75% Five years' documented work or teaching experience in a relevant field Evidence of capacity to undertake research as prescribed in the University Handbook
Master of Educational Psychology/Doctor of Philosophy		
<p>Duration Up to 4 years full time, 8 years part time</p> <p>Delivery mode On campus</p> <p>Entry Semester 1 only</p> <p>Fees Domestic RTP* only International fee place</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Become a practitioner while developing advanced research skills and experience, to enhance your capacity to work in a professionally related tertiary programs Gain expert knowledge in the theoretical, conceptual and empirical foundations of professional practice in educational psychology Develop skills relevant to professional practice through supervised professional experience in educational psychology Complete a 80,000 word thesis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honours degree in psychology with a weighted average mark of at least H1 (80%) or equivalent, and Three academic referee reports, and An interview (if shortlisted)

Master of Philosophy (Education)		
<p>Duration Up to 2 years full time, 4 years part time</p> <p>Entry Semester 1, Semester 2</p> <p>Fees Domestic RTP* only International fee place</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internationally recognised research masters degree • Develop advanced skills in carrying out independent and sustained research • Demonstrate a critical application of specialist knowledge and make an independent contribution to existing scholarship in the area of research • Complete a 30,000–40,000 word thesis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least a four-year honours degree with a weighted average of 75% from an Australian university, or a qualification, or combination of qualifications, considered by the GR committee to be equivalent, that are relevant to the study • Evidence of capacity to undertake research as prescribed in the University Handbook • Evidence that the knowledge of the discipline in which the research higher degree is planned is current
Master of Education (Research)		
<p>Duration Up to 2 years full time, 4 years part time</p> <p>Delivery mode On campus</p> <p>Entry Semester 1, Semester 2</p> <p>Fees Domestic RTP* only International fee place</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directed at practicing professionals in a broad range of educational settings including early childhood, primary, secondary and tertiary • Meets the needs of other professionals whose work has an educational component or some educational responsibility • Includes coursework and a 20,000 word thesis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate degree and a fourth year-level education qualification or equivalent, or • Four-year education degree or equivalent
Graduate Certificate in Educational Research		
<p>Duration 6 months full time, 1 year part time</p> <p>Delivery mode On campus</p> <p>Entry Semester 1, Semester 2</p> <p>Fees Commonwealth Supported Place Australian fee-paying place International fee place</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathway into a research degree for those with a coursework masters but who are not yet eligible for admission to the PhD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A four-year education degree, or equivalent, or • An undergraduate degree in any discipline and at least 50 credit points, or equivalent, of graduate study in education

* Most domestic students undertaking research degrees are fully funded by the Australian Government via the Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP)

** Meeting these requirements does not guarantee selection

*** Graduate Research (GR)

How to apply

The University of Melbourne accepts online applications year-round from both domestic and international applicants. Coursework students may be eligible to receive credit towards their chosen course based on previous study, and applications will automatically be assessed for advanced standing.

Application checklist

Coursework students

1. Check the entry requirements

Check the minimum entry requirements of your desired course.

2. Apply online

Submit your application online, or through an overseas representative.

If you're applying for more than one course be sure to number your preferences. For more information visit: education.unimelb.edu.au/apply

3. Submit your supporting documentation

You will need:

- Transcripts from your previous studies, this includes complete and incomplete degrees
- Testamur (the certificate you received on graduation)
- Evidence showing you meet the English language requirements
For more information, visit: futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/english-requirements
- If your documents are not in English, a certified translation is required
- Attach your supporting documentation to your online application.

Research students

1. Check the entry requirements

Check the minimum entry requirements of your desired course.

2. Write your research proposal

You must provide an extended research proposal with your application. Research proposals should be 1,500 words for PhD applications and 1,000 words for all other graduate research degrees. For further details, visit: education.unimelb.edu.au/apply

3. Find a supervisor

Use our findanexpert.unimelb.edu.au tool to contact potential supervisors. Please include your CV and research proposal.

4. Apply online

Submit your application online, or through an overseas representative.

If you're applying for more than one course be sure to number your preferences. For more information, visit: education.unimelb.edu.au/apply

5. Submit your supporting documentation

You will need:

- Transcripts from your previous studies. This includes complete and incomplete degrees, and a grading scale for your institution
- Testamur (the certificate you received on graduation)
- Evidence of your principal supervisor's support. This can be in email format and must include the intended supervisor's agreement to supervise you should your application be successful
- Evidence showing you meet the English language requirements. For more information, visit: futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/english-requirements
- If your documents are not in English, a certified translation is required
- Attach your supporting documentation to your online application.

Next steps: What happens after you submit your application?



Fees and scholarships

Your fees will depend on your course and the type of enrolment or place you're offered. We also offer a range of scholarship and funding opportunities to financially support you through your graduate study.

Domestic students

Commonwealth Supported Places

Commonwealth Supported Places are available for all eligible domestic students.

If you receive an offer for a Commonwealth Supported Place, the Australian Government subsidises your fees and you pay a student contribution amount. For education subjects studied in 2017 this was \$793 per subject* or \$6349 for a one year master degree.

You may be eligible to defer payment of your student contribution amount through the HECS-HELP loan program.

*2017 Band 1 student contribution, per 12.5 credit point subject.

Australian Fee-paying Places

If you receive an offer for an Australian fee-paying place, you may be eligible to defer your fee payment under the FEE-HELP program. Unlike the HECS-HELP scheme, fees are not subsidised by the Australian Government.

With both schemes, you do not need to repay the loan until your income reaches a minimum repayment threshold. For more information, visit: studyassist.gov.au

Australian Government Research Training Program Places

Our research degrees are fully funded by the Australian Government via the Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP).

Domestic students offered an RTP place are exempt from tuition fee payment for the normal duration of the course.

International students

If you receive an offer for an international fee place you will be responsible for paying your fees at the beginning of each semester. Once you have enrolled, an invoice for the balance of your tuition fees for the semester will be available on your student portal. Your fee statement will include your payment options.

For further information visit, futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/fees/grad-intl

If you are moving to Melbourne, you may also wish to consider the cost of your accommodation, visas, transport, food and other services, including schooling and childcare if you have family and dependents.

Fee support

Youth Allowance and Austudy may be available to eligible domestic students.

We're also fortunate to be able to award a wide range of **scholarships** for our students.

Most of our scholarships are supported by trust funds established by generous benefactors, while others are provided annually by industry partners and supporters through donations and sponsorships.

For more information on financing your studies, visit: education.unimelb.edu.au/financial_support



"I've enjoyed studying in Australia – I hadn't been here before but the people have been very friendly. I've received lots of support from university staff and found the academic workshops very useful. I feel very lucky to have had this experience, and I have gained much more than just knowledge – I have learned new and different ways of thinking."

Linnan (Dorothy) Zhang from China

For information on course fees, visit: futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/fees

Global mobility

The benefits of living and learning in a different culture are life changing and can greatly enhance your education outcomes. Having an international experience is a wonderful opportunity to travel, study in a different education system and be exposed to diverse cultures.

If you're interested in having an international experience as part of your degree, we have a number of opportunities available to help you get there. You can choose to study overseas at one of our partner universities or undertake an international teaching or professional internship.

Student Exchange and Study Abroad give you the opportunity to study part of your degree at other world class education institutions, while University of Melbourne Overseas Subjects (UMOS) allow you to undertake an internship or a visit to overseas schools or organisations to enrich your experience.

The University of Melbourne has over 200 exchange partners in 40 countries around the world.

Funding and scholarships

Mobility/travel grants

Mobility/travel grants may be available to assist with the costs of studying overseas. Exchange and Study Abroad students are considered for these grants as part of their application.

OS-HELP loans

Australian government loan schemes help domestic students with a Commonwealth Supported Place to fund a portion of their studies overseas. These loans help students with a range of expenses, such as air fares, accommodation and other travel costs.

To learn more about funding your global experience and the types of scholarships available, visit:

mobility.unimelb.edu.au/outbound/funding

Some of our exchange partners are located in:

- Berlin, Germany
- Birmingham, United Kingdom
- Bologna, Italy
- Bordeaux, France
- Boston, United States
- London, United Kingdom
- Oslo, Norway
- Oulu, Finland
- Vancouver, Canada.

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mobility.unimelb.edu.au



“Apart from giving new energy to my teaching, the Master of Education gave me the opportunity to work internationally. I was able to do my final unit in an international school in Hong Kong, which was a fascinating experience.”

Michael Dalley, Head of Learning: Arts and Technology, Thomas Carr College