



Graduate Diploma of Research Studies in Business (Domestic students)

Program code

4160

Available at

Gold Coast Campus, Nathan Campus

Duration

1 year full-time

2 years part-time

Credit points

80

Indicative fee

\$31,000.00* per year [\(more\)](#)

* 2024 indicative annual fee

Admission requirements

Related Bachelor degree (5.0 GPA) or higher

[\(more\)](#)

Commencing in

Trimester 1 and Trimester 2

Next start date

Trimester 2, 2024 [\(more\)](#)

Applications close

Monday, 24 June 2024

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About this program

The Graduate Diploma of Research Studies in Business provides an alternative route for entry into a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) program for applicants who do not possess the required qualifications for direct admission.

Upon successful completion of the program, students may be eligible for admission to a MPhil or PhD subject to fulfilment of requirements for candidature as specified in the Higher Degree Research policy. The grade achieved will determine entry to either a PhD or MPhil candidature (see the **Pathways to further study** section for further information).

The Program Director will be responsible for the overall supervision of the student and monitoring their progress throughout the program.

Students may choose to exit the Graduate Diploma program (after successfully completing the specified courses) with the Graduate Certificate in Research Studies in Business.

Code	Program title	Campus	Intake
3275	Graduate Certificate in Research Studies in Business	Online	Trimester 1 and Trimester 2
4160	Graduate Diploma of Research Studies in Business (this program)	Gold Coast, Nathan	Trimester 1 and Trimester 2

Note: Progression through this program suite is dependent upon satisfying admission requirements.

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

The Graduate Diploma of Research Studies in Business is offered full-time and part-time on campus and is available to students through a blended delivery format, combining online materials with access to presentations by academics. Students may choose to study courses online and at other campuses if or where the program structure allows.

Students enrolling in the Graduate Diploma of Research Studies in Business are required to complete coursework and a dissertation.

Coursework: Attendance will normally be three hours per week per course for standard delivery or equivalent amount of time for courses delivered in intensive or online mode.

Dissertation: During enrolment in the dissertation component of this program, it is expected that students will be able to work independently for most of the time. The requirement for on-campus attendance is relatively flexible and unstructured. However, students will be required to meet regularly with their supervisor and it is recommended that students discuss the on-

campus attendance requirements with their supervisor prior to the start of the dissertation.

My career opportunities

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You will be able to plan and conduct research in business and commerce and be well placed for career opportunities in the private, not-for-profit and public sectors. You may also be able to progress to a higher degree by research and pursue a high-level research career.

Pathways to further study

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This program is available as a pathway to students applying for entry to a Higher Degree Research program (PhD or MPhil) who do not meet the direct entry requirements.

Students who have successfully completed the Graduate Diploma of Research Studies in Business (and have achieved a Grade Point Average of 5.0 or higher with a grade of 5 or higher in the dissertation component) may be eligible to be admitted into the Master of Philosophy (MPhil) subject to meeting all admission requirements as specified in the [Higher Degree Research Policy](#).

Students who have successfully completed the Graduate Diploma of Research Studies in Business (and have achieved a Grade Point Average of 5.5 or higher with a grade of 6 or higher in the dissertation component) may be eligible to be admitted into the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) subject to meeting all admission requirements as specified in the [Higher Degree Research Policy](#).

What are the fees?

Fee-paying postgraduate (domestic) students

Indicative annual tuition fee

The indicative annual tuition fee is calculated based on a standard full-time study load which is usually 80 credit points.

The indicative annual tuition fee is based on current conditions and available data and should only be used as a guide. These fees are reviewed annually and are subject to change.

Tuition fees

- A fee-paying postgraduate student pays tuition fees.
- Students are liable for tuition fees for the courses they are enrolled in as at the census date.
- The tuition fee for students who commence their program prior to 2014 is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student commenced the program.
- The tuition fee for students who commence their program from 2014 onwards is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.

Program fees for the Graduate Diploma of Research Studies in Business (4160)

Fees for this program can be found on the Programs and Courses website in the "Overview and fees" section. Select your commencing year to view your fees.

Tuition fees for your degree program

- [Calculating tuition fees](#)

Changing programs

If a postgraduate student changes to a different program they will be subject to the approved program fee for the trimester in which they are enrolled.

Further information

- [Calculating your EFTSL](#)
- [Fees and Charges Procedure](#)
 - [Fees and Charges Schedules](#)
- [Higher Education Loan Program \(HELP\)](#)
- [Financial help and support](#)