



Graduate Diploma of Health Research (International students)

Program code	Admission requirements	CRICOS code
4161	Related Bachelor degree (5.0 GPA) or higher	077647B
Available at	Related Masters degree or higher	Commencing in
Gold Coast Campus, Logan Campus, Nathan Campus, Online, South Bank Campus	(more)	Trimester 1 and Trimester 2
Duration		Apply Now
1 year full-time		
Credit points		
80		
Indicative fee		
\$34,000.00* per year (more)		
* 2024 indicative annual fee		

About this program

This degree provides an alternative route for entry into a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) if you do not meet the entry requirements for direct admission.

When you complete this degree, you will be granted admission to an MPhil or PhD, providing you have fulfilled the entry requirements detailed in the [Higher Degree Research policy](#) and have completed the confirmation procedure. Your final grade will determine whether you are eligible for the PhD or MPhil.

You will undertake advanced study and supervised research work in the health discipline, defined by your undergraduate degree. In the coursework component, you will critically evaluate research and develop your knowledge and understanding of statistical analysis techniques as applied to health research. You will also develop an awareness of research proposal design and background. The multidisciplinary context of this degree will be invaluable to you if you are seeking to understand complex problems in health.

Code	Program title	Campus	Intake
4161	Graduate Diploma of Health Research (this program)	Gold Coast, Logan, Nathan, Online, South Bank	Trimester 1 and Trimester 2
3276	Graduate Certificate in Health Research	Gold Coast, Logan, Nathan, Online, South Bank	Exit point only

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

The Graduate Diploma of Health Research is offered full-time on-campus or full-time and part-time online. The online program (for off-campus and/or online study outside Australia, or in Australia on a visa other than a student visa), is available for students who meet specific criteria as outlined below. Students who wish to complete the program part-time will be required to consult with the School Advisor to determine the appropriate program structure.

Students enrolling in the Graduate Diploma of Health Research are required to complete 40 credit points of coursework and a 40 credit point dissertation (research thesis).

On-campus coursework is mainly conducted at the Gold Coast campus, with some courses offered at Nathan or Southbank campus - most, but not all, courses are also available in online (off-campus) mode. The dissertation component may require you to attend the Gold Coast, Logan, Nathan or South Bank campuses and/or off campus locations, dependent on your project and/or supervisor location.

Coursework: The coursework will provide critical evaluation of research and presentation, develop the student's knowledge

and understanding of statistical analyses techniques as applied to scientific research and develop an awareness of research proposal design and background.

Dissertation: Students are required to find a suitable supervisor for their research project prior to submitting their application for admission into the program. Students who are unable to locate a suitable supervisor should discuss their proposed research project with their School Advisor.

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. 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.

Where a project requires on-campus laboratory work, students are required to undertake their research at an appropriate laboratory according to the directions of the student's supervisor, School Adviser and/or Program Director. Students are to discuss required workplace health and safety training with their supervisors prior to the commencement of laboratory work. Students who fail to undertake the prescribed workplace health and safety training will not gain entry into laboratories.

Online offering: The online offering is only available for International students studying in their home country or in Australia on a visa other than a student visa. As completion of a dissertation in distance mode may not be appropriate in some cases, applicants who wish to complete the program online will need to obtain the written approval of the relevant Health Group School, and the proposed Supervisor, and submit this documentation with your application. See the 'How to apply' section for details. Students studying online will be able to access course materials, participate in learning activities, lodge assessment items and access support services via Learning@Griffith. Access to a reliable computer with internet connection and capability for virtual videoconferencing (such as Skype or similar programs) is essential.

My career opportunities

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You will be able to plan and conduct research in health-related disciplines. You will also be prepared for professional employment in private, not-for-profit and public sector research positions. As a graduate, you will be eligible to apply for admission to higher degree research studies, which can lead to a high level research career.

Pathways to further study

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Students who have successfully completed the Graduate Diploma of Health Research (and have achieved a Grade Point Average of 5.0 or higher with a grade of 5 in the dissertation component) are eligible to be admitted into the Master of Philosophy (MPhil) program subject to fulfilment of requirements for candidature as specified in the Higher Degree Research Policy and successful completion of the confirmation procedure.

Students who have successfully completed the Graduate Diploma of Health Research (and have achieved a Grade Point Average of 5.5 or higher with a grade of 6 in the dissertation component) are eligible to be admitted into the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program subject to fulfilment of requirements for candidature as specified in the Higher Degree Research Policy and successful completion of the confirmation procedure.

What are the fees?

International students

An International student is one who is not:

- an Australian or New Zealand citizen or
- a Pacific Engagement visa holder or
- a person who has Australian permanent resident status.

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 (two full-time trimesters).

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

- An International 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 Health Research (4161)

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.

Changing programs

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

Permanent resident status

If an **undergraduate student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will be provided with a domestic fee-paying place.

The student may then apply for a Commonwealth supported place at the next admission period provided that the student satisfies the conditions for transfer from a domestic fee-paying place to a Commonwealth supported place as set out in the [Undergraduate Programs Admission Policy](#).

If a **postgraduate student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will automatically be considered for a Commonwealth supported place (subject to availability) or a domestic fee-paying place as applicable for the program.

If a **research student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will automatically be considered for a Commonwealth Government Research Training Program (RTP) Fee Offset or a domestic fee-paying place as applicable for the program.

Further information

- [Fees and Charges Procedure](#)
 - 3.6 - Fees for International Students
 - 3.9 - Administrative and Miscellaneous Charges
 - [Fees and Charges Schedules](#)
- [Cost of studying in Australia](#)