



Master of Music Research (Domestic students)

Program code

5602

Commencing in

Trimester 1

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Available at

South Bank Campus

Duration

1.5 years full-time

3 years part-time

Credit points

120

Indicative fee

Exempt under RTP ([more](#))

How to apply

Can I apply?

Admission requirements

Students will be admitted on the basis of an audition, interview and/or folio of creative works. Admission as a candidate to the Master of Music Research will be contingent on applicants holding:

- a Bachelor of Music degree with at least Second Class Honours OR an equivalent qualification from a recognised institution.

Consideration may also be given to graduates of accredited three-year diploma programs in an appropriate area of study and an accredited postgraduate diploma program in music with appropriate professional experience. Potential candidates may be asked to attend an additional interview and/or submit evidence of written scholarly work.

In addition to the academic qualifications required for candidature as described above, the following criteria need to be satisfied prior to recommendation for admission:

- the proposed program is appropriate for the higher degree research and is consistent with the academic aims and objectives of the QCGU;
- QCGU provide the necessary resources and facilities within the element's budget including consideration of whether the host element has a Research Training Scheme funded place;
- there are two qualified members of staff holding confirmed, continuing or fixed-term appointments of sufficient length for the purposes of supervision;
- the proposed program of work can be completed within the maximum period of candidature for the degree;
- that a suitable level of contact with the University supervisors will be maintained if the candidature is being undertaken away from Griffith University;
- where the applicant is in employment, capacity to meet the timelines and other requirements of candidature;
- the proposed research does not reproduce research that has previously been submitted for the award of a degree or diploma;
- that the proposed program conforms to the University's ethical guidelines on research involving humans and animals;
- where the intellectual property rights of the applicant may be a consideration, a suitable agreement protecting the rights of the student has been signed. Should a student be unwilling to sign an agreement, the research proposal may not be approved and the student may be required to choose another program of study in an area which is not commercially sensitive;
- whether the inclusion of confidential or sensitive material in the thesis is justified;
- the applicant has no outstanding financial obligation with the University and in the case of an International applicant is able to verify the necessary financial capacity to undertake the program;
- that the applicant possesses sufficient English language proficiency as described below.

The following University policy will apply to **Higher Degree Research (HDR)** programs:

- [Higher Degree Research Policy](#)

Scholarships

Applicants wishing to commence in Research Intake 1 should lodge their application prior to the closing date listed at the top of this page. Applicants applying to commence at any other time should submit their application at least four months before their preferred intake date. Refer to the [Scholarship Key Dates](#) for further information.

Language requirements

English language requirements apply to International applicants and other applicants whose previous study was undertaken in a language other than English. The minimum English language requirements for such applicants for entry to these programs are described [below](#).

Credit and recognition of prior learning

Griffith University awards credit for prior learning which may relate to prior formal learning or prior informal and non-formal learning. For more information see [below](#).

What is the application process?

How to apply

To **prepare** for completing your application online, you will need to:

- check the Admission and English Language Proficiency requirements to find out if you are academically qualified to apply for this program;
- check any program fees applicable to you if you were to undertake this program;
- develop a proposed Research Topic and Research Proposal in your area of interest;
- identify at least one potential Griffith supervisor who has reviewed your Research Proposal and has agreed to supervise you;
- identify two Academic Referees who are willing to act as a Referee on your behalf;
- develop a Curriculum Vitae (CV).

More detail on each of the above preparation steps including what to feature in your Research Proposal or CV and how to find a supervisor are outlined on the [Research Study - How to apply](#) website.

Applying

Once you are ready to apply, you can add this program to your shortlist at the top of this page or [apply for this program now](#) (a maximum of three preferences is allowed).

Griffith will assess your first preference and will only assess subsequent preferences if you are not successful.

Once you have submitted your application, you will be sent an email about how to track your application.

For a full list of your incomplete or submitted applications, please [view your application list](#).

What are the language requirements?

Language requirements

English language requirements apply to International applicants and other applicants whose previous study was undertaken in a language other than English.

All Higher Degree Research (HDR) applicants are expected to have reached an appropriate level of proficiency in English. International applicants must provide documentary evidence of their English Language Proficiency (ELP). Further, there may be occasions when a Head of Element or Dean feels it is appropriate to seek confirmation of ELP from applicants for whom there is no formal requirement to provide evidence of ELP (for example, Australian citizens or applicants with permanent resident status whose tertiary studies were not conducted in English or International applicants who have undertaken some studies in English). Full documentary evidence in support of English proficiency must be submitted with applications for candidature.

The minimum English Language proficiency requirements for applicants to **Higher Degree Research (HDR)** programs are as follows:

- A minimum overall band score of 6.5 on the IELTS (Academic) with no band score less than 6.0
- *OR* a minimum score of 575 on the paper-based TOEFL including a score of no less than 5.0 on the TWE
- *OR* a score of 79 on the internet-based (iBT) TOEFL with no sub-score less than 19
- *OR* a score of no less than 3+ in each skill of the ISLPR (conducted by ISLPR Language Services only)
- *OR* a minimum overall score of 176 (no score less than 169) on C1 Advanced (formerly Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English) **or** C2 Proficiency (formerly Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English)
- *OR* an overall score of 58 in the Pearson Test of English (Academic) with no score less than 50.

English test results must be no more than two years old at the time of application.

Applicants should be aware that these test scores are the minimum scores required by Griffith University for most disciplinary areas and that some elements may require higher levels of proficiency.

An applicant may be exempted from the requirement to provide an ELP test score if the applicant's tertiary level studies were completed within the specified timeframe and in one of the countries listed in [Schedule A: English Language Qualifications accepted by Griffith University for Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Higher Degree Research Admission](#).

An applicant may also be exempted from the requirement to provide an ELP test score if the applicant has completed at least two years full-time work experience in an English speaking professional work environment or has successfully completed the Griffith English Language Institute (GELI) Direct Entry Program (DEP) in accordance with the requirements as specified in [Schedule A: English Language Qualifications accepted by Griffith University for Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Higher Degree Research Admission](#).

The Direct Entry Program (DEP) is not available for Domestic students.

Can I apply for credit?

Credit and recognition of prior learning

The University's [Credit and Recognition of Prior Learning Policy](#) will apply.