



Doctor of Musical Arts (International students)

Program code 6017	CRICOS code 062440G	Applications close Tuesday, 17 September 2024
Available at South Bank Campus	Commencing in Trimester 1	Next scholarship round closes Tuesday, 3 September 2024 (more)
Duration 3 to 4 years full-time	Next start date Trimester 1 2025	Apply Now
Credit points 240		
Indicative fee Find out more		

How to apply

You can apply [directly to Griffith University](#) for entry into this program. To begin your application, add this program to your shortlist.

Apply online

Next intake (South Bank Campus)	Applications close
Trimester 1, 2025 Orientation commences Monday, 24 February 2025	Tuesday, 17 September 2024.

Check the **eligibility requirements** in the sections on this webpage.

Can I apply?

Admission requirements

For admission as a candidate, an applicant will:

- hold a bachelor degree with first-class or second-class honours (Division A) or equivalent qualification from a recognised institution or
- hold a masters degree from a recognised institution or equivalent qualification deemed by the Dean, Griffith Graduate Research School to be of a standard comparable at least to a bachelor degree with second class honours (Division A) or
- possess a record of research or a qualification granted by a professional or other body, deemed by the Dean, Griffith Graduate Research School to be of a standard comparable at least to a bachelor degree with second-class honours (Division A)
- have been enrolled in a research Masters degree at the University for not less than one year as a full-time candidate and two years as a part-time candidate and will have had their work as a research Masters candidate certified by the Dean to be of a standard required for candidature in a professional doctorate.

Students admitted to the Doctor of Musical Arts program will normally have at least five years professional experience.

A portfolio assessment and/or interview will be part of the admission process. If specialist equipment or computer programs are required, this must be stated within the application. In cases where the candidate does not meet all formal criteria, the Dean, Griffith Graduate Research School can establish equivalence on the basis of curriculum vitae, portfolio and publications.

Refer to the [Equivalent Qualifications for HDR Program Admission](#) web page.

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

- [Higher Degree by Research Admission Procedure](#)

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

An International student is a person who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen or an Australian permanent resident or holder of an Australian Permanent Humanitarian visa. International students study on a fee-paying basis and they must pay the full cost of their education through tuition fees either directly or through a third party (sponsor, government etc). International students will require a student visa in order to study in Australia.

Application preparation

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 the University's [Admission Schedule: English Language Proficiency](#).

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 the University's [Admission Schedule: English Language Proficiency](#).

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 *Professional Doctorate Policy* permits the award of credit for doctoral level courses or prior doctoral research taken at this or another recognised institution for which a degree has not been awarded.