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# Why JCU?

As Australia's only university established to focus on the issues of Northern Australia and the Tropics worldwide, JCU is dedicated to helping the world's tropical regions to prosper.

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# Welcome to JCU

*The world of postgraduate study is one of excitement and transformation. It offers new challenges, deeper discovery, and the opportunity to take your academic and professional journey to the next level. It was through postgraduate study that I personally experienced the profound impact education can have—not only in nourishing curiosity, but in helping us navigate an increasingly complex world. Education is about more than the acquisition of knowledge; it is about developing the critical skills needed to thrive, adapt and lead in times of change. Whether you are seeking to advance your career, gain specialised expertise, or simply be the best you can be, postgraduate study provides the tools and perspectives to do just that.*

As you consider where to pursue your postgraduate education, I invite you to reflect on two important considerations.

The first is distinction. For more than 50 years, James Cook University (JCU) has been committed to shaping a brighter future through education and research that makes a genuine difference. Our University brings together the natural world, human communities and the built environment to foster innovative, interdisciplinary approaches to today's global challenges.

At JCU, learning extends well beyond the textbook. Our teaching and research are deeply connected to the world around us—whether that means understanding complex ecosystems, advancing health and wellbeing, or responding to the needs of our communities. We are also committed to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, ensuring your education contributes to a more sustainable and equitable future.

This commitment is reflected in the achievements of our academics and students, who continue to push the boundaries of knowledge and contribute meaningfully to their fields. At JCU, you will be part of a vibrant, supportive academic community that values innovation, collaboration and critical thinking.

The second consideration is outcomes. We understand that postgraduate study is an investment in your future, and we are dedicated to ensuring your investment delivers real world value. Our programs are designed with flexibility in mind, recognising that every student's journey is different. Whether you choose to study full time or part time, online or on campus, we offer options that allow you to balance study with work, family and other commitments.

JCU graduates are highly regarded by employers, and with good reason. The practical skills, confidence and expertise developed through our programs prepare you for a rewarding and successful career.

As you explore your postgraduate study options, I encourage you to consider what makes JCU different—from our distinctive learning experiences to the support we provide throughout your journey. We are committed to helping you achieve your personal and professional goals.

Thank you for taking the time to explore James Cook University. As you embark on this next chapter, we look forward to working with you to create a brighter future—one that truly makes a difference.



Professor Simon Biggs  
Vice Chancellor and President

## Important dates

### SEMESTER DATES 2027

#### SEMESTER ONE 2027

Applications close: 17 February  
Orientation: 15–19 February  
Semester begins: 22 February  
Enrolments close: 28 February

#### SEMESTER TWO 2027

Applications close: 21 July  
Orientation: 19–23 July  
Semester begins: 26 July  
Enrolments close: 1 August

### TRIMESTER DATES 2027

#### TRIMESTER ONE 2027

Applications close: 10 February  
Orientation: 8–12 February  
Trimester begins: 15 February  
Enrolments close: 21 February

#### TRIMESTER TWO 2027

Applications close: 26 May  
Orientation: 24–28 May  
Trimester begins: 31 May  
Enrolments close: 6 June

#### TRIMESTER THREE 2027

Applications close: 8 September  
Orientation: 6–10 September  
Trimester begins: 13 September  
Enrolments close: 19 September

### BLOCK DATES 2027

#### BLOCK ONE 2027

Applications close: 13 January  
Orientation: 11–15 January  
Enrolments close: 17 January  
Block begins: 18 January

#### BLOCK TWO 2027

Applications close: 10 March  
Orientation: 8–12 March  
Enrolments close: 14 March  
Block begins: 15 March

#### BLOCK THREE 2027

Applications close: 5 May  
Orientation: 3–7 May  
Enrolments close: 9 May  
Block begins: 10 May

#### BLOCK FOUR 2027

Applications close: 30 June  
Orientation: 28 June–2 July  
Enrolments close: 4 July  
Block begins: 5 July

#### BLOCK FIVE 2027

Applications close: 25 August  
Orientation: 23–27 August  
Enrolments close: 29 August  
Block begins: 30 August

#### BLOCK SIX 2027

Applications close: 20 October  
Orientation: 18–22 October  
Enrolments close: 24 October  
Block begins: 25 October

### RESPECT. NOW. ALWAYS

James Cook University values and celebrates the diversity of our community, and is committed to ensuring our learning and working environment is safe and welcoming.

JCU is proud to be part of the Respect. Now. Always. campaign – a national initiative led by Universities Australia to highlight our determination to ensure our students and staff are safe from discrimination and sexual harassment. Further information about the campaign and free services available for students can be found at [jcu.edu.au/safety-and-wellbeing](http://jcu.edu.au/safety-and-wellbeing)



### OUR COMMITMENT TO AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES

James Cook University is committed to building strong and mutually beneficial partnerships that work towards closing the employment, health and education gap for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Our students come from many backgrounds, promoting a rich cultural and experiential diversity on campus.

*We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the Australian lands and waters where our staff and students live, learn and work. We honour the unique cultural and spiritual relationship to the land, waters and seas of First Australian peoples and their continuing and rich contribution to James Cook University (JCU) and Australian society. We also pay respect to ancestors and Elders past, present and future. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are advised that this publication may contain names or images of people who have passed away.*





# Townsville campus

Study in a unique environment where natural wonders and a vibrant on-campus experience come together.

## REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Townsville is on the coast of North Queensland, approximately halfway between Brisbane in the south and Cape York at the state's most northern tip. To the east is the Great Barrier Reef, with the Gulf Savannah region and many outback country towns to the west.

The region is home to national park reserves, sandy beaches, rugged outback adventures, quaint coastal townships and a wide range of other attractions. Locals make the most of the great outdoors through rainforest hikes, mountain biking and snorkelling or scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef.

## POWER OF PLACE

JCU recognises the Bindal people as the Traditional Owners of the land they call Thul Garrie Waja, where the campus now stands in the southern suburb of Douglas.

The Indigenous name given to this campus is Bebegu Yumba, which means 'place of learning' in the Birri-Gubba language spoken by the Bindal people.

## CAMPUS FEATURES

JCU Townsville is a teaching and research hub with facilities and resources to support your learning.

- Eddie Koiki Mabo Library – An architectural icon, the library houses special collections relevant to North Queensland, research facilities and learning support services. It also showcases works by prominent Indigenous artists.
- Education Central – This design award winning student centre features technology-enhanced and flexible learning spaces. It supports contemporary methods of learning and teaching to maximise your engagement, motivation and learning outcomes.
- Engineering and Innovation Place – The new centre gives you access to high-quality STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) innovation, research and educational facilities. It joins the Ideas Lab in Cairns as the combined home for innovation and digital transformation at JCU.
- The Learning Centre – Offering free and confidential learning support, the centre supports your academic needs online and on-campus. It also hosts peer-assisted study sessions where you work with fellow students to expand your learning.
- JCU Science Place – A dedicated centre of excellence in science, it features modern teaching areas, research labs and technology-enabled active learning spaces. It was the first educational building in Australia to achieve a LEED® Gold rating for its environmentally sustainable design.



Townsville city, from Castle Hill, overlooking Cleveland Bay and east to Magnetic Island.



# Singapore campus

James Cook University (Singapore Campus) has achieved the highest level of accreditation from the Singapore Government, the EduTrust Star.

## REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Modern Singapore is a constantly evolving city, at the forefront of global health, technology and economic advancement. It is home to a diverse population of Chinese, Malay, Indian and other ethnic groups, covering a wide spectrum of religions, cultures and languages.

## POWER OF PLACE

Sitting at the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula, Singapore was first known as Pulau Ujong, meaning 'island at the end' in Malay. It was later called Temasek, possibly from the Malay word for 'lake' or 'sea', before becoming Singapura, a Malay name derived from Sanskrit meaning 'lion city' and anglicised as Singapore.

The Orang Laut are recognised as the indigenous peoples of Singapore. Their name comes from the Malay term 'people of the sea' reflecting their nomadic, seafaring way of life.

## CAMPUS FEATURES

Students at James Cook University (Singapore Campus) enjoy the use of collaborative learning spaces and access to internationally renowned lecturers.

- Aquaculture Research and Teaching Facility – This new facility gives you access to support the development of expertise in tropical aquaculture in Singapore and the broader region.
- Centre for International Trade and Business in Asia (CITBA) – Created to share knowledge about economic development opportunities, CITBA is focused on the expansion of business and international trade in Asia.
- Learning Centre – This centre is dedicated to improving your learning outcomes and offers the support and guidance you need to succeed in your studies.
- Tropical Futures Institute – The Institute focuses on research in science, health and social sciences, particularly relating to aquaculture, healthy ageing and tourism within the Southeast Asian context.





# Cairns campus

Learn in modern facilities at JCU Cairns, close to World Heritage listed natural environments.

## REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Cairns is a tropical, multicultural city with modern art, music and theatre venues, hundreds of kilometres of walking and cycling tracks, bustling markets and plenty of beaches nearby. It's a major tourist destination and base for exploring spectacular reefs, lush rainforests and rich cultures.

Located in Far North Queensland on the east coast of the Cape York Peninsula, the region is home to the Great Barrier Reef to the east, ancient rainforests in the Daintree National Park to the north and the Atherton Tablelands to the west.

## POWER OF PLACE

JCU recognises the Yirrganydji and Yidinji peoples as the Traditional Owners of the lands where its Cairns campuses now stand, in the northern suburb of Smithfield and in Cairns city.

The Indigenous name given to the Smithfield campus is Nguma-bada, which means 'belonging to tomorrow', while the Cairns city campus is named Bada-jali, meaning 'flowering of the cocky apple tree', both from the coastal dialect of Djabugay spoken by the Yirrganydji people.

## CAMPUS FEATURES

Enjoy dynamic learning environments at JCU Cairns with academic staff committed to your success.

- Australian Tropical Herbarium – Dedicated to protecting the survival and diversity of tropical plants, the herbarium houses more than 180,000 dried plant specimens.
- Dental Clinic – Supervised by experienced clinicians, the clinic gives you greater access to practical learning, treating real patients in routine care and complex dental treatments.
- The Yeinie Building – Positioned next to Cairns Hospital, this facility blends clinical teaching, health research, allied health training, and tech innovation. It strengthens partnerships between industry, healthcare, and education to improve outcomes in Northern Australia.
- JCU Ideas Lab – Built as a hub for teaching, learning and research, it supports you to bring ideas for new innovations to life. It was designed and constructed to meet the same LEED® Gold standards of JCU's Science Place in Townsville.



# Brisbane campus

Enjoy a world-class education in Australia's fastest growing capital city for employment.

## REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Brisbane is the capital of Queensland and the third largest city in Australia. Nestled in the state's southeast, it has the Sunshine Coast to the north, Gold Coast to the south, the Scenic Rim to the west and the sand islands of Moreton Bay to the east.

The winding reaches of the Brisbane River are a prominent feature of the landscape, as are hilly suburban pockets and extensive parkland areas. It's a green city with a subtropical climate and diverse population.

## POWER OF PLACE

JCU recognises the Turrbal people as the Traditional Owners of the area they call Meanjin, which may mean 'place of the blue water lilies' or 'place shaped as a spike', where the campus now stands in central Brisbane.

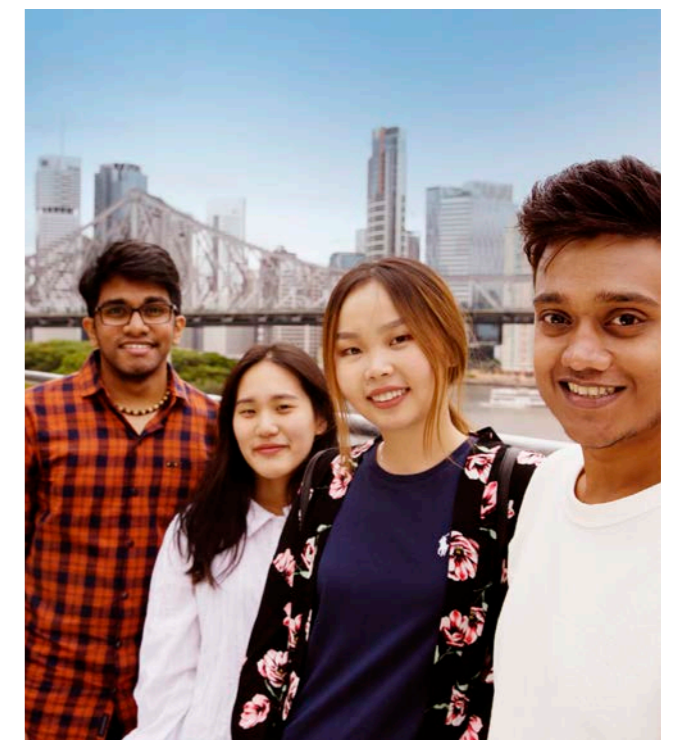
Europeans referred to the region and later settlement as Moreton Bay before declaring it the city of Brisbane.

## CAMPUS FEATURES

Students in Brisbane can access dedicated services for academic learning, English language support and employment assistance.

- Learning Centre – A resource dedicated to help improve teaching practices and help you access guidance and support when you need it.
- On-campus services – Facilities include study spaces, comfortable student lounges, computer stations, internet and Wi-Fi, leisure and activity rooms.
- Resource Centre – You'll have 24/7 online access to journals, ebooks, streaming videos, online tutorials, textbooks, laptops, scanning and printing facilities.
- Student Association – There are many clubs and societies you can join through the JCU Brisbane Student Association (JCUBSA), including sporting, recreational, academic and social groups.

*JCU partners with Russo Higher Education Pty Ltd to deliver the programs available at our Brisbane campus.*



# Study centre network

Our university campuses are supported by a network of study centres, including clinical schools and field stations. This geographical spread helps us further our commitment to help regional and remote communities gain access to high quality education.

## JCU MACKAY

JCU has two study centres in Mackay – the JCU Clinical Training Centre in the Mater Private Hospital and the JCU Mackay Clinical School in the Mackay Base Hospital. These practical learning facilities provide students with opportunities for hands-on clinical experience in nursing and pharmacy. They offer dedicated spaces for lectures, practical simulations and advanced medical training.

Together, these Mackay centres have the Indigenous name of Ngudya Yamba, meaning 'place of knowledge', given to JCU by the region's Traditional Owners, the Yuwi people.

[jcu.edu.au/mackay](http://jcu.edu.au/mackay)

## JCU MOUNT ISA

The JCU Centre for Rural and Remote Health in Mount Isa provides access to health education for the remote west region of Queensland. JCU's Bachelor of Nursing Science is offered in Mount Isa, while students in other health courses have the option to complete a professional placement in the region. The centre includes lecture rooms, research facilities, video conferencing facilities, a computer laboratory, a procedural skills laboratory and a growing health services library.

The Mount Isa centre has the Indigenous name of Murtupuni, meaning 'come together, gather together', given to JCU by the Kalkadoon people as the region's Traditional Owners.

[jcu.edu.au/mount-isa](http://jcu.edu.au/mount-isa)

## JCU EMERALD

The JCU Central Queensland Centre for Rural and Remote Health in Emerald was established to help attract, build and retain a high-quality health workforce across rural and remote Queensland. Through the centre, students in Allied Health, Nursing, Medicine and Dentistry courses gain essential hands-on experience in professional placements.

JCU acknowledges the Gayiri people as the Traditional Owners of the Emerald region.

[jcu.edu.au/emerald](http://jcu.edu.au/emerald)

## JCU THURSDAY ISLAND

JCU is committed to research that improves the health of people and communities in the Tropics worldwide. The Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine on Thursday Island is one place that makes this commitment possible. The institution's Clinical Research and Training Facility provides learning facilities for JCU students and collaboration spaces for engaging with the Torres Strait community.

JCU's centre on Thursday Island has the Indigenous name of Ngulaigau Mudh meaning 'house of knowledge' in the Kala Lagaw Ya dialect, given by the Kaurareg people as the island's Traditional Owners.

[jcu.edu.au/thursday-island](http://jcu.edu.au/thursday-island)

## DAINTREE RAINFOREST OBSERVATORY

The Daintree Rainforest Observatory is located in lowland tropical rainforest at Cape Tribulation, in a unique part of the world where two World Heritage areas meet. JCU's canopy crane makes it possible to view the rainforest from above, through its different levels and down to the soils and subterranean water resources. JCU monitors one hectare of rainforest to gather data with automated sensors and a wireless data network.

JCU acknowledges the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people as the Traditional Owners of the Daintree region.

[jcu.edu.au/daintree](http://jcu.edu.au/daintree)

## FLETCHERVIEW RESEARCH STATION

Experience the 'classroom in the outback' at JCU's Fletcherview Station, a local working cattle station on 1,960 hectares, southwest of Townsville. Students in agriculture and veterinary science have access to industry-standard livestock handling facilities at Fletcherview, for studies in areas like animal reproduction, nutrition and pasture monitoring. The station's size and diversity of land types, plant and animal species also draws interest from students in biology, botany, immunology and geology.

JCU acknowledges the Gudjal people as the Traditional Owners of the land where Fletcherview is now.

[jcu.edu.au/fletcherview](http://jcu.edu.au/fletcherview)

## ORPHEUS ISLAND RESEARCH STATION

The Orpheus Island Research Station offers easy access to the Great Barrier Reef's inshore reefs and islands. Students in Marine Science and related disciplines regularly visit Orpheus Island to study the mesmerising complexity and diversity of nearby coral reefs, the myriad of organisms they support, historic shipwrecks and various other tropical coastal habitats, including the incredible mangrove forests. JCU's 'classroom on the reef' includes a multimedia lecture theatre, wireless internet, laboratory and testing equipment, a reference library and a huge coral reef display tank.

JCU acknowledges the Nyawaygi people as the Traditional Owners of the land they call Goolboddi and now referred to in English as Orpheus Island.

[jcu.edu.au/orpheus-island](http://jcu.edu.au/orpheus-island)

# Research excellence

A defining feature of JCU is its research excellence in disciplines of particular relevance to the Tropics.

JCU's research is focused on creating real-world impact where it's needed most. We conduct world-leading research in themes to drive knowledge, solutions and partnerships that make a difference locally and globally.

- Advancing health and well-being in the Tropics.
- Thriving tropical marine and terrestrial ecosystems and environments.
- Sustainable and resilient regional and tropical economies.
- Enriching people, communities and societies of the Tropics.
- Elevating and supporting Indigenous futures.

In 2024, JCU ranked inside the global top 100 for 10 Sustainable Development Goals in the Times Higher Education Impact Ranking<sup>1</sup> including:

- SDG 17 - Partnerships for the Goals (2nd)<sup>1</sup>
- SDG 3 - Global Health and Wellbeing (10th)<sup>1</sup>
- SDG 5 - Gender Equity (19th)<sup>1</sup>
- SDG 16 - Life on Land (22nd)<sup>1</sup>.

This demonstrates JCU's commitment as a University, not only to conducting world leading research to address these challenges but also to implementing change at our institution and in our communities.

Overall JCU is ranked in the top 2% of international higher education providers and the top 400 in the world<sup>2</sup>.

- JCU's expertise in particular subject areas is recognised being ranked 10th globally in Ecology<sup>3</sup>.
- 10th globally in Marine and Freshwater Biology<sup>4</sup>.

## INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES

- Advanced Analytical Centre
- Boating and Diving
- Cyclone Testing Station
- JCU Ideas Lab
- Marine and Aquaculture Research Facility.

## RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS AND CENTRES

- Agriculture Technology and Adoption Centre
- Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine
- Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Indigenous and Environmental Histories and Futures
- Australian Tropical Herbarium

- Cairns Institute
- Centre for AI and Data Science Innovation
- Centre for International Trade and Business in Asia
- Centre for Molecular Therapeutics
- Centre for Rural, Remote and Tropical Health Systems Research
- Centre for Sustainable Tropical Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Centre for Tropical Bioinformatics and Molecular Biology
- Centre for Tropical Biosecurity
- Centre for Tropical Environment and Sustainability Science
- Centre for Tropical Water and Aquatic Ecosystem Research (TropWATER)
- Economic Geology Research Centre
- Indigenous Education and Research Centre
- Murtupuni Centre for Rural and Remote Health
- Queensland Research Centre for Peripheral Vascular Disease (QRC-PVD)
- Tropical Futures Institute
- Tropical Indigenous Ethnobotany Centre
- Tropical Marine and Coastal Institute.

## RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS

- AIMS@JCU
- Cairns Hinterland and Health Services (CHHS)
- Cooperative Research Centre for Developing Northern Australia
- CSIRO
- Mackay Hospital and Health Services (MHHS)
- Northern Australia Universities Alliance
- Queensland Research Centre for Peripheral Vascular Disease
- Resources Technology and Critical Minerals Trailblazer
- Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service (TCHHS)
- Townsville Hospital and Health Services (THHS)
- Tropical Australian Academic Health Centre
- Tropical North Queensland Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub
- World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre for Vector-borne and Neglected Tropical Diseases.

<sup>1</sup> 2024 Times Higher Education Impact Rankings. <sup>2</sup> Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2026. <sup>3</sup> Shanghai Ranking Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2025. <sup>4</sup> US News Global Subject Rankings 2025



# JCU Accommodation

Living on campus is a great way to make the most of university life. Each of our residences provides academic and wellbeing support, as well as a variety of social activities. With options for catered and self-catered rooms, the opportunity to live alone or with roommates, you'll discover that there's a place for you at JCU.

## TOWNSVILLE

**Burranga Yumba** is a seven-storey, 403-bedroom building located in the heart of the campus. It provides contemporary, self-catered student accommodation with a choice of private or shared bathroom facilities. All rooms include a king-single bed, study desk and chair, fan, air conditioning and Wi-Fi. Shared facilities include a kitchen with cooktops, ovens and refrigerators, an outdoor BBQ and a laundry. Other common areas include TV rooms, study areas, a sports lounge, theatre room and music room.

**Rotary International House** accommodates 118 students in 18 self-catered apartments, each with two, six or seven individual bedrooms and shared kitchen and bathroom facilities. All rooms include a king-single bed, study desk and chair, fan, air conditioning and Wi-Fi. Common areas include furnished living rooms with sofas, a dining table and chairs, fans and a balcony. This is one of the smallest accommodation options on campus, surrounded by bushland in a quiet setting.

**George Roberts Hall** consists of eight blocks of up to 15 units, each with three or four bedrooms. All rooms include a king-single bed, study desk and chair, fan, air conditioning and Wi-Fi. All units have a communal lounge with a shared kitchen and bathroom facilities. This accommodation option provides residents with three meals each day, served in a communal dining hall. A larger common room and outdoor BBQ area are also available.

**Saints Catholic College** provides accommodation for 298 students across several buildings, with living options including shared or private bathrooms, fully catered dining and shared kitchenettes. All rooms include a king-single bed, study desk and chair, fan and Wi-Fi. Most rooms also have air conditioning. Other features for residents include UHD TVs, game consoles and streaming services available in common lounge areas, along with access to a courtesy car, health and wellness centre, mini soccer field and beach volleyball court.

**The John Flynn College** houses a total of 251 students in a mix of room types with shared, semi-private or private bathroom facilities and fully catered dining. All rooms include a king-single bed, study desk and chair, fan, air conditioning and Wi-Fi. Common areas include furnished living rooms with TVs and shared kitchenettes. Residents also have access to a business centre with computers, printers and binders, a music room and the JCU fitness centre.

**Townhouses** is an accommodation complex with 62 rooms across five houses of various sizes. Each house has shared kitchen facilities, shared bathrooms and communal living areas with a TV, sofas and dining table. Bedrooms have air-conditioning, Wi-Fi, a king single bed, wardrobe, study desk and chair. Other features include onsite car and bicycle parking, entertainment rooms, free laundry machines and a communal courtyard with a volleyball court, barbeques and lawn areas.

## CAIRNS

**John Grey Hall** is a seven-storey, 300-bedroom octagonal building which offers a variety of self-catered living options. These include studio apartments with ensuite, six-bedroom apartments with individual ensuites and six-bedroom apartments with shared bathroom facilities. All apartments include a modern kitchen with cooktop, microwave and refrigerator. All rooms include a king-single bed, study desk and chair, fan, air conditioning and Wi-Fi. Shared facilities include an outdoor BBQ area, gym, community garden, study areas, media room and laundry.



Burranga Yumba, JCU Townsville, Bebequ Yumba campus, Douglas

# Common university terms

University study includes terminology that you may not be familiar with at first. These are some of the more common terms you're likely to come across while exploring your study options.

Even with previous university experience, a little refresher on terminology can come in handy. We've put together a list of some of the more common terms you're likely to come across while exploring your study options.

**Academic record** - An official record of your academic achievements, including your transcript and testamur.

**Block** - A flexible study mode with condensed subjects completed one at a time in six study periods during the year.

**Census date** - The deadline within each study period or research period for students to finalise enrolment in, or withdraw from, a subject before fees are incurred.

**Commonwealth supported place** - A study place where your tuition fees are subsidised by the Australian Government. JCU offers Commonwealth supported places for eligible students for a range of postgraduate degrees.

**Credit for previous study** - Recognition of studies already completed at other tertiary institutions that can count as credit points towards your course at JCU. It may also be referred to as 'advanced standing' or 'recognition of prior learning'.

**Credit points** - A basic measure of study load for each subject, with most subjects at JCU carrying a unit value of three credit points. A typical full-time study load for one academic year is 24 credit points (eight subjects), while part-time is generally no more than 75 percent of a full-time study load.

**Grade point average (GPA)** - An academic performance metric, calculated as the weighted average of the final grades achieved in all subjects, relative to the credit point value for each subject.

**Graduate Certificate** - A postgraduate academic qualification, typically requiring six months to one year of full-time study or part-time equivalent to complete.

**Graduate Diploma** - A postgraduate academic qualification, typically requiring one to two years of full-time study or part-time equivalent to complete.

**Handbook** - Official and central source of information for all courses and subjects offered by JCU.

**Higher degrees by research (HDR)** - A postgraduate study program with at least two thirds of the overall course duration spent undertaking supervised research and producing a thesis.

**Intake** - The time of year that you can start your degree, usually the start of a semester or trimester.

**Major** - A defined sequence of subjects within a degree that deepens your experience in a particular discipline.

**Orientation** - Often referred to as O-Week, it is designed to welcome new students and provide information about your course, the campus and the range of services available.

**Postgraduate study** - An advanced level academic program that usually requires students to have successfully completed relevant undergraduate study to qualify.

**Prerequisite** - An academic qualification that you must complete before starting your postgraduate degree or taking a higher-level university subject.

**Professional placement** - Training and experience in a professional work environment that is part of your degree, designed to extend your knowledge and practical skills. It may also be referred to as 'work integrated learning'.

**Research period** - The academic year for research students at JCU includes four overlapping research periods. Start dates are spaced around 3 months apart and the duration of each period is around 6 months.

**Semester** - A study period of around 13 weeks duration, with the academic year divided into two study periods.

**Study load** - The number of subjects and associated credit points you take on per study period.

**Study period** - The period of time during which all aspects of coursework study is completed, including reading and preparation, lectures, tutorials, practical sessions and assessment.

**Subjects** - The building blocks of coursework study, each carrying a unit value in credit points that count towards a degree.

**Testamur** - A certificate issued when you graduate, which includes your name, details of the completed degree and majors where applicable, plus the date it was issued.

**Thesis** - The work submitted for assessment after a period of supervised independent research, commonly required to complete a research-based postgraduate degree.

**Transcript** - A complete record of your studies at a university, including all units of study and your grade for each.

**Trimester** - A study period of around 10 weeks duration, with the academic year divided into three study periods.

**Tuition fee** - The cost to study a full-fee degree without any subsidies applied, excluding student services fees and other incidental expenses.

**Undergraduate study** - An academic program of study leading to a Certificate, Diploma, Bachelor degree or Bachelor (Honours) degree.

# Postgraduate degrees at JCU

Degrees at the postgraduate level may either be focused on coursework or research.

## COURSEWORK

Coursework involves taking a selection of subjects, potentially including a study major in a similar structure to undergraduate degrees. Qualifications in this format include Graduate Certificates, Graduate Diplomas and Master's degrees.

Some of JCU's postgraduate courses are 'nested', meaning you can complete a Graduate Certificate on its own, or gain credit to apply towards a Graduate Diploma or Master in the same program. Alternatively, if you're enrolled in a Master's degree and want to change direction, you may have the option to leave with a Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma if you've completed the required subjects.

This flexibility can make the commitment of postgraduate study more manageable. If you are aiming to learn more in your current professional field of study or expand into a related discipline, coursework degrees can help you to develop your expertise and understanding, and achieve more in your career.

## RESEARCH

Research degrees, also known as higher degrees by research (HDR), involve a program of supervised, original research in a chosen discipline. You'll learn independently, with no lectures to attend. As part of your degree, you can participate in a flexible Professional Development Program that will enable you to build the transferable skills valued by employers.

Qualifications include Master of Philosophy, Doctor of Philosophy and Professional Doctorates, which can help you progress into academia or build on your professional capabilities with high-level research.

### Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

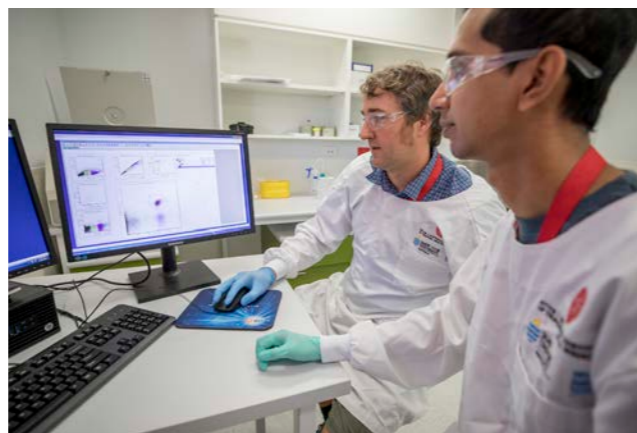
This type of Master's degree is designed to help you develop the specialised knowledge and research skills to pursue further research qualifications or a career in research.

### Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

A PhD primarily involves completing supervised research and an original thesis that contributes to the body of knowledge within a field of study. Your research can also be integrated into an industry or discipline through our PhD@Work.

### Professional Doctorate

While a PhD focuses on academic research, the Professional Doctorate is designed for experienced professionals to contribute to best practice in their sector and further their professional development.



JCU's Orpheus Island Research Facility

# Research pathways

You can make your way into a research degree at JCU through many different avenues. If you're new to research and need the essential skills, our pathway courses can get you started. All are designed to help ease you into academic research and give you the experience and qualifications to progress to a research-based Master's degree or Doctorate.

## Graduate Certificate of Research Methods

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Complete a guided research project to develop key research skills including literature review, proposed rationale, methods, ethics applications and data collection and analysis.
- Graduate with the skills necessary for taking on a higher degree by research, with the advantage of learning in a specific tropical health and medicine context.



## Graduate Diploma of Research Methods

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Develop the fundamental skills, strategies and methods for planning, implementing and completing an independent research project in a field of animal or human health.
- Complement your research with elective subjects in areas including public health research, qualitative research methods, epidemiology, biostatistics and more.



# Biomedical Sciences

JCU Biomedicine is a leader in experiential learning. Highly valued by employers, JCU graduates are at the leading edge of health and the human body.

Find out more



## Five stars

for full-time employment and median graduate salary

2026 Good Universities Guide, PG Health Services

## Enhance your expertise

Build the skills to progress your career

## #1 in Queensland

for full-time employment

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# Business and Governance

JCU Business and Governance provides accredited training with a focus on innovative, evidence-based and sustainable change. Graduates are empowered to become the next generation of leaders and managers in these rapidly changing sectors.

Find out more



## #2 in Australia

for learner engagement

2026 Good Universities Guide, PG Business and Management

## #2 in Australia

for teaching quality

2026 Good Universities Guide, PG Business and Management

## Five stars

for student support

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## Graduate Diploma of Medical Science

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Apply recognised methods and tools of medical science to the process of enquiry and discovery, particularly in clinical and medical investigations.
- Develop strong skills in communicating information to those with and without a medical or scientific knowledge base.

### MAJORS

- Clinical Sciences
- Medical Laboratory Science



## Master of Medical Science

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Develop and apply advanced knowledge in biomedical, medical laboratory and clinical measurement science. Learn how to improve human and animal health in rural, remote and Indigenous community settings.
- Study a specialised major and learn from industry professionals in JCU's custom laboratories. Network and form professional relationships with potential future employers.
- Conduct an independent research project on a significant topic and present your findings to postgraduate peers, academics and researchers.

### MAJORS

#### Clinical Sciences

Explore fundamental issues of cardiac, respiratory, sleep, renal and neurological measurement, analysis, and interpretation. Complete a full year of clinical rotations in professional medical or clinical science laboratories.

#### Future Leaders in Tropical Research

Diagnose major parasite groups, develop immunology experiments and design research proposals in this flexible major. Choose between a specialisation in Biochemistry, Microbiology and Immunology, or Physiology and Pharmacology, plus electives based on your professional interests.

#### Medical Laboratory Science

Become a multidisciplinary scientist and study clinically specialised streams: Haematology, Clinical Biochemistry, Histology and Cytology, Microbiology and Immunology and Immunohaematology. Apply your theoretical knowledge during professional placements in diagnostic medical laboratories.



## Master of Professional Accounting

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Build your theoretical and technical accounting knowledge across auditing and assurance, finance, economics, quantitative methods and information systems, along with commercial, corporation and taxation law disciplines.
- Use accounting models and techniques to critically analyse complex contemporary business issues and make informed recommendations.
- Develop your professional judgement and the ability to provide advice with confidence. Demonstrate your understanding through an applied research project.



## Master of Professional Accounting – Master of Business Administration

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- In your Master of Professional Accounting, build your accounting knowledge in auditing and assurance, finance, economics, quantitative methods and information systems, along with commercial, corporation and taxation law disciplines. Develop your professional judgement and the ability to provide advice with confidence.
- In your Master of Business Administration, develop advanced management skills and learn how to successfully analyse, plan and implement decisions in the workplace. Be exposed to a broad range of disciplines, learn from leading business experts, and benefit from highly influential networking.



*"It's so evident that project management is a primary need for every business if excellence is one of their counts of measure. I'm so proud to have gained such skills and knowledge in this course. The practical applications are very useful and the skills are being transferable across any career I will choose to pursue."*

### Becky Muriithi

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ALUMNI  
MAJORING IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT

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"My professional development has benefited from the MBA in a number of ways, from applying new knowledge to my management role at the time to enabling me to think more strategically about the business. The lecturers connected us with emerging leaders in the business community, providing valuable network opportunities."

**Ken Hooper**

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, BLUESCOPE AUSTRALIA  
MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ALUMNI

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**#2 in Australia**

for teaching quality

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**Five stars**

for student support

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## Master of Business Administration

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Apply your knowledge of research principles, methods, techniques and tools to solve business and professional practice problems.
- Learn from leading business experts in modern governance and sustainable business practices. Develop real-world professional networks through links to industry and government agencies.
- Joint degrees are also available with a Master of Business Administration. Combine your MBA with a Master of Education, Master of Information Technology, Master of International Tourism and Hospitality Management, Master of Professional Accounting or Master of Public Health.

### MAJORS

#### Analytics and Business Solutions

Analyse trends, patterns and relationships through data to give insight into business performance and market dynamics. Learn to manage information, interpret statistics and develop practical decision models.



#### Creative Marketing

Gain insight to how e-strategic management, analytics and innovation can help your brand thrive. Learn to creatively engage your audience through advertisement campaigns and customer experiences.



#### Entrepreneurship

Develop an advanced understanding of the economic principles of disaster analysis and response, sustainable business development, and business continuity and resilience.



#### Finance

Keep pace with technological advancements and the financial landscape through practical learning focused on contemporary financial markets.



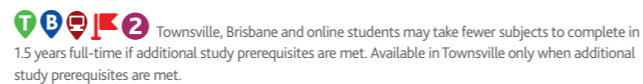
#### Global Talent Management

Discover ways to manage organisational change and address contemporary issues in human resource management. Learn about HR analytics, employee experience management, tax and legal compliance.



#### Leadership

Develop and apply management and leadership skills to operate businesses in highly competitive environments, manage finances and resources, solve complex organisational problems, plan effectively and hire the right employees.



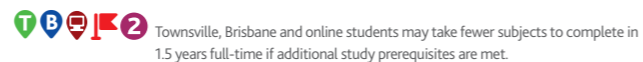
#### MICE, Tourism and Hospitality

Gain the professional expertise to manage, plan, and market products and experiences in the food, recreation, events, accommodation and tourism industries.



#### Project Management

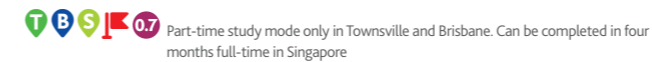
Develop vital skills in linear planning, leadership and management, and risk assessment. Build your expertise to deliver complex projects for business, government and the community.



## Graduate Certificate of Business Administration

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Develop your knowledge and skills in people management, accounting, international business and marketing as the four main disciplines of business administration.
- Learn about sustainable business practices, performance methods and approaches to address complex business and professional practice problems.

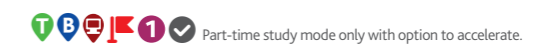


## Graduate Certificate of Project Management

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Develop skills in linear project planning and management; strategy and leadership, risk management and applying agile methods to manage projects.
- Engage with real-world problems through complex case studies and project-based assessments.
- Be equipped with the essential skills for managing projects and contributing to the prosperity, health, safety and sustainability of tropical communities.

- This program is globally accredited by the Center for Project Innovation. Graduates who complete this program (subjects: LB5403:03, LB5246:03, LB5245:03 and LB5247:03) are eligible to be admitted as Certified Project Officers (CPO).



# Education

JCU Education is a leader in promoting lifelong learning in young Australians. Gain in-depth knowledge and advanced practical skills to make a difference in regional, rural and remote communities, as well as improving Indigenous education outcomes.

Find out more



## Five stars

for student support and teaching quality

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## Enhance your expertise

Build the skills to progress your career

## The trusted leader in educating our educators

Educating future generations for more than 50 years



"This course has given me a wealth of teaching experience in many schools, both guided by an experienced educator and as an independent teacher. This has allowed me to develop my own 'teacher identity' – an integral aspect of being an educator. I have made some fantastic friendships that I know will last a lifetime."

## Madelain Benedetti

MASTER OF TEACHING AND LEARNING (SECONDARY) STUDENT

## Graduate Certificate of Career Development

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Increase your expertise in the field of career development with this Career Industry Council of Australia (CICA)-endorsed qualification. Provide career support to diverse clients and groups across educational and organisational contexts.
- Respond to the challenges of an evolving world of work. Graduate ready to seize a new career pathway, or progress in your current role.
- Make online study work around your employment, family and other commitments.
- Flexible block delivery mode enables you to study one subject at a time during a seven-week block.



## Graduate Certificate of Education

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Gain specialist knowledge in ethical practices and contemporary theories of effective leadership.
- Gain valuable experience to be an educator that makes a difference at a personal, organisational and policy level.



## Master of Education

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Learn how to lead for effective change, enhancement and improvement across education settings.
- Develop strong transferable skills and understanding of diverse communities' educational needs.
- Have your experience recognised with up to 12 credit points (four subjects) of credit for elective studies.

### MAJORS

#### Career Development

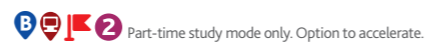
Gain the skills and knowledge to help others navigate their future career pathways. This major is endorsed by the Career Industry Council of Australia and graduates are eligible to be listed on the Australian Register of Professional Career Development Practitioners.

#### Educational Leadership

Develop advanced knowledge on current issues key for leaders in Education including ethical practices, theories of leadership, transformative digital learning, curriculum innovation and global challenges.

#### Educational Research

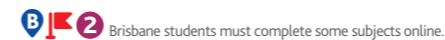
Implement a small-scale research project that investigates a topic or issue relevant to your professional context. Successful completion of this major can lead to a higher degree by research.



## Master of Education - Master of Business Administration

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- In your Master of Education, develop an advanced body of theoretical and technical knowledge in Education Management. Review complex information, assess education and management problems and reflect on theories at an advanced level.
- In your Master of Business Administration, develop advanced management skills and learn how to successfully analyse, plan and implement decisions in the workplace. Be exposed to a broad range of disciplines, learn from leading business experts, and benefit from highly influential networking.



## Master of Guidance and Counselling

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- This course brings together contemporary counselling theory and hands-on practice to prepare you for the real-world complexities of professional counselling. You'll learn how to critically interpret and integrate diverse theoretical approaches, developing the confidence and capability to respond thoughtfully to the varied needs of individuals, communities and organisations.
- Throughout the course, you'll strengthen your self-reflexive practice, learning to work ethically and creatively with complex issues such as intercultural sensitivity, wellbeing, trauma and sustainability. The program encourages you to develop critical consciousness, professional agency and a deep appreciation of multiple perspectives.
- Graduates are supported to transition confidently into professional practice as reflective, open-minded and ethical guidance and counselling practitioners. The course prepares you to work across a range of service settings, with strong attention to intercultural competence and professional fit-to-practice standards.
- The Master of Guidance and Counselling is professionally accredited in Australia by the Australian Counselling Association and in Singapore by the Singapore Association for Counselling, supporting local and international career pathways.



## Master of Teaching and Learning (Secondary)

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Be ready to teach students in Years 7-12 in two learning areas, with the ability to direct curriculum, learning and assessment activities for students from diverse backgrounds and with specific learning needs.
- Apply teaching strategies in various learning contexts to become an adaptable and responsible teacher with expert judgement and critical problem-solving skills.
- Gain valuable practical skills in school settings with 60 days of professional placement, 20 days of integrated coursework in school settings and the opportunity to lead a participatory action research project to address community needs.



# Engineering

At JCU, you'll benefit from a well-rounded education that combines expert lecturers with numerous opportunities for practical learning. With a unique perspective on the contribution of engineering to rural, remote and tropical regions, you'll have the skills and knowledge base to tackle projects in a variety of contexts. Your highly developed communication skills will see you leading projects, exploring solutions and engaging with clients.

Find out more



**Five stars**  
for student support

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**#1 in Australia**  
for skills development

2026 Good Universities Guide, PG Engineering

**Five stars**  
for teaching quality

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# Health

JCU Allied Health is a leader in improving the wellbeing of individuals and communities. JCU graduates have strong expertise and advanced practical skills, empowering them to make a difference.

Find out more



**#1 in Queensland**  
for full-time employment

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**Five stars**  
for median graduate salary

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**Enhance your future**  
Increase your opportunities

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## Master of Engineering (Professional)

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Develop in-depth knowledge of advanced engineering methods, including design processes, whole system approaches, contemporary project management tools, and decision-making strategies.
- Learn how to apply engineering principles to risk and asset management, safety in design, business leadership and data analytics.
- Gain advanced technical skills and an understanding of recent developments in engineering with real-world industry experience.

### MAJORS

#### Civil Engineering and Management Available in Townsville only.

Integrate civil engineering knowledge with project management and leadership skills for careers in construction management and infrastructure development.

#### Civil Engineering and Sustainable Infrastructure Available in Townsville only.

Focus on resilient and sustainable design of infrastructure, with advanced study in structural design, geotechnical engineering, and civil engineering.

#### Electrical Engineering and Management Available in Townsville only.

Build strong technical skills in electrical systems while developing leadership and management capabilities for multidisciplinary environments.

#### Electrical and Renewable Energy Available in Townsville only.

Develop expertise in smart grid technologies, low-carbon networks, and sustainable power systems to support the global energy transition.

#### Internet of Things and Data Engineering Available in Cairns only.

Learn about advanced sensors, machine learning, data analytics, automation, and cyber-physical systems in a rapidly evolving digital environment.

#### Mechanical Engineering Available in Townsville only.

Gain expertise in fluid mechanics, thermodynamics, manufacturing systems, and mechanical design, preparing for innovation in advanced industries.

#### Mechanical Engineering and Management Available in Townsville only.

Combine advanced mechanical engineering knowledge with business and management training to lead technical teams and projects.

#### Water Resource Management Available in Townsville only.

Develop advanced skills in hydrology, groundwater modelling, and water and wastewater engineering to address critical environmental and resource challenges.

Not all majors available at all campuses.

## Master of Engineering Management

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Learn about recent developments in engineering management and build your technical knowledge of project management, industry standards and best practice.
- Plan and conduct experiments using advanced techniques and tools to challenge established theories across engineering management.
- Apply research principles and methods to plan and execute a substantial research-based project.

## Graduate Certificate of Diabetes Education

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Develop your skills in advocating for diabetes prevention, delivering effective self-management education, supporting evidence-based diabetes management, and improving health outcomes for individuals and communities.
- Explore key subject areas of health education relating to clinical diabetes. Apply your knowledge during professional placements alongside leading industry professionals.

Part-time study mode only.

## Graduate Certificate of Infection Control

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Gain the skills to design, implement, and evaluate infection management strategies and control procedures within hospitals and other healthcare settings.
- Develop the specialised knowledge and technical skills needed to find solutions to complex problems and manage healthcare risks.

## Graduate Diploma of Rural Generalist Practice

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Advance your academic and clinical expertise in delivering rural and remote health services more effectively in low-resource settings.
- This course is open to health professionals in the areas of clinical exercise physiology, diabetes education, dietetics, occupational therapy, pharmacy, physiotherapy, podiatry, psychology, social work or speech pathology.

May require some on-campus attendance.

## Master of Rural Generalist Practice

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Examine the real-world issues and unique opportunities that come with practice in rural and remote areas.
- Learn to evaluate and utilise current and evolving evidence to develop innovative solutions for complex local health and community services challenges.
- Develop your leadership, research, and patient management skills to respond to diverse healthcare needs.

May require some on-campus attendance.

# Information Technology

Find out more



Design and build innovative solutions to the problems of tomorrow. You will develop a keen awareness of industry practices and processes, as well as the economic, social, and ethical challenges of the modern technology industry. JCU will empower you to turn your passion into productivity, no matter which area of Information Technology you choose to specialise in.

**#1 in Queensland**  
for learner engagement

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**Five stars**  
for student support

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**#1 in Queensland**  
for skills development

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# Medicine

Find out more



JCU Medicine is a leader in health equality. Be equipped with the skills to make an impact – improve healthcare in underserved communities or make life-changing discoveries.

**#1 in Australia**  
for student support

2026 Good Universities Guide, PG Medicine

**#1 in Queensland**  
for overall educational experience

2026 Good Universities Guide, PG Medicine

**Five stars**  
for student support and teaching quality

2026 Good Universities Guide, PG Medicine

## Graduate Certificate of Information Technology

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Study internet fundamentals, problem solving and programming, plus your choice of specialist subjects to suit your professional needs and interests.
- Take the next step towards a Master of Information Technology at a pace that suits you.

Part-time study mode only in Cairns and Online.

## Master of Information Technology

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Gain expert skills in computer programming, data analysis and multimedia. Learn how to identify and diagnose technical issues, create solutions and improve technical systems.
- Develop your problem-solving capability and programming skills, understand the importance of data modelling, design and development.
- Put your knowledge and skills to the test as you work on a collaborative ICT project from industry or the community, applying IT project management principles to achieve the best results.

### MAJORS

#### Artificial Intelligence

Learn capabilities and limitations of AI systems, the ethical use of AI, human-centric AI systems, deep learning, LLM and GenAI.

#### Cybersecurity

Develop your understanding of security and risk management, asset security, malware analysis, ethical hacking, communication and network security assessment and testing.

#### Information Technology Management

Build skillsets in enterprise architecture systems, cloud computing, data warehouses, scalable database systems, and enterprise systems.

#### Software Engineering

Gain specialist skills in full stack development, software testing, mobile programming and technologies, and the software development life cycle.



## Master of Information Technology - Master of Business Administration

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- In your Master of Information Technology, gain expert skills in computer programming, data analysis and multimedia. Develop your problem-solving capability and programming skills, understand the importance of data modelling, design and development.
- In your Master of Business Administration, develop advanced management skills and learn how to successfully analyse, plan and implement decisions in the workplace. Be exposed to a broad range of disciplines, learn from leading business experts, and benefit from highly influential networking.



## Graduate Certificate of Health Professional Education

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Master the art of effective teaching: discover how to bring evidence-based, student-centred learning to life using adult learning principles tailored to your health professional context.
- Design learning that has an impact: learn to be intentional in your teaching, crafting engaging, authentic learning experiences, from bedside to simulation, using the latest in educational technology.
- Be a change-maker through innovation: develop practical skills in reflective practice, educational evaluation, and continuous improvement to enhance teaching and learning in real clinical environments.

Part-time study mode only.

## Graduate Diploma of Health Professional Education

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Transform clinical education with innovative teaching: Apply educational theory to design and deliver learner-centred experiences that reflect real clinical practice.
- Advance your expertise in assessment and curriculum design: Gain in-depth knowledge of evidence-based methods and recent innovations in health professional education, including assessment, evaluation, and benchmarking.
- Be a leader in health professional education transformation: Develop high-level leadership and problem-solving skills to collaborate effectively with clinical educators and drive educational excellence.

Part-time study mode only.

## Master of Health Professional Education

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Build expertise in Health Professional Education: Develop advanced skills in clinical teaching, educational technology, assessment, evaluation, curriculum design, and evidence-informed leadership.
- Tackle real-world challenges: Critically analyse health professional education theories to solve complex problems in regional, remote, and tropical healthcare contexts.
- Lead with research and integrity: Design and deliver an independent, ethically sound research project that enhances health professional education in the workplace.

Part-time study mode only.



*"I was so thrilled to hear of the availability of a Master's level course with opportunities for enhancing clinical practice and research in lifestyle medicine. The course content is so rich and interesting and the educators very passionate and generous with their time. I have thoroughly enjoyed it."*

**Dr Emma Kate King**  
MASTER OF LIFESTYLE MEDICINE ALUMNI

Find out more



# Nursing and Midwifery

JCU Nursing and Midwifery is a leader in regional, rural and tropical healthcare sciences. A vibrant learning culture fosters highly skilled and knowledgeable graduates.

**#1 in Australia**  
for median salary  
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**#1 in Queensland**  
for skills development and  
teaching quality  
2024 Good Universities Guide, PG Nursing

**Five stars**  
for student support and overall  
educational experience  
2024 Good Universities Guide, PG Nursing

## Graduate Certificate of Lifestyle Medicine

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Investigate and assess lifestyle-related disease. Engage with innovation and entrepreneurship in the health, community and industry spaces.
- Take the next step towards a Master of Lifestyle Medicine at a pace that suits you.



## Graduate Diploma of Lifestyle Medicine

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Gain the skills to manage lifestyle-related health problems and prevent or reverse common chronic illnesses.
- Critically investigate and assess lifestyle-related disease. Choose from electives in accredited health coaching, culinary nutrition, research, public health, and health professional education to align with your career goals.



## Master of Lifestyle Medicine

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Critically investigate and assess lifestyle-related disease, including diverse models of care. Learn to apply theories in psychological, medical, nutritional and addiction science in a variety of health contexts.
- Choose from electives in research, public health, business and health professional education to align with your career goals.
- Apply your skills and knowledge in a substantial lifestyle and social medicine project in your setting of choice, including a health service, community, workplace, education or online setting.
- Gain the skills to manage lifestyle-related health problems, prevent and remit common chronic illnesses and support whole of person health.



## Graduate Certificate of Nursing

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Gain advanced knowledge and specialist skills in your chosen nursing field.
- Be ready to take on nursing leadership, education or advanced practice roles in your area of expertise and receive increased professional recognition to boost your career potential.



## Graduate Diploma of Nursing

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Specialise in either nurse leadership, nurse education or advanced nursing practice to take your career to the next level.
- Develop your critical thinking skills and theoretical knowledge to apply advanced nursing concepts in the clinical setting.



## Master of Nursing

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Increase your skills to take on more complex roles and be ready to take on the challenges presented by an evolving and dynamic healthcare landscape.
- Transform your practice through the skilful application of advanced knowledge, relevant evidence and leadership skills.
- Adapt and apply specialised knowledge, skills and technical competencies across a variety of health contexts, including rural, remote and urban settings.

### MAJORS

#### Advanced Practice

Develop the skills you need to deliver advanced patient care.

#### Education

Gain the ability to take on educational practice roles in clinical or non-clinical environments.

#### Leadership and Management

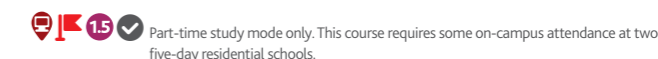
Build the confidence and knowledge to embrace leadership or management positions in healthcare.



## Graduate Diploma of Midwifery

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Benefit from first-hand experience working with midwives during a continuous placement in a facility of your choice in Australia.
- Develop culturally safe strategies to promote and optimise health, welfare and autonomy of childbearing women in Australia, with specific reference to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.



# Pharmacy

Find out more



Step into the next phase of pharmacy practice and expand your impact in primary care. Build on your existing expertise to develop advanced skills in clinical reasoning, history taking, physical examination, diagnosis and prescribing for acute and chronic conditions. Learn with Australia's undisputed leader in pharmacist prescribing education and become prepared to make a more direct and meaningful contribution to the health of metropolitan, regional, rural and remote communities.

## Five stars

for median graduate salary and teaching quality

2026 Good Universities Guide, PG study area

## #1 in Queensland

for student support and median graduate salary

2026 Good Universities Guide, PG study area

## Learn from the best

Access the best pharmacy and medical educators in the country

# Psychology

Find out more



JCU Psychology specialises in accredited training with special reference to rural, remote, and Indigenous communities. Graduates gain advanced academic knowledge, enabling them to facilitate high-quality mental health care.

## #1 in Australia

for median graduate salary

2024 Good Universities Guide, PG Psychology

## Hands-on learning

Work with real clients at the JCU Psychology clinic

## Learn from the best

Access world-class lecturers and tutors

## Graduate Certificate of Advanced Practice and Prescribing for Pharmacists

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** General registration with the Pharmacy Board of Australia with no conditions and currently working in community or hospital practice in Australia.

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- A highly applied and carefully refined program designed to prepare pharmacists for confident transition into prescribing practice and broader primary care roles.
- Practical, relevant and tested learning that builds advanced capability in patient assessment, history taking, physical examination, diagnostic reasoning, management planning, referral and clinical documentation.
- A strong combination of hands-on practical learning and high-quality online study that builds on your existing expertise and supports busy practising clinicians.
- A deeply engaging, strongly supported course taught by a multidisciplinary team of highly experienced clinicians and educators — including prescribing pharmacists, general practitioners, nurses, dentists and physiotherapists — and accredited in all Australian states and territories without conditions.

Mostly online delivery with some on campus attendance for residentials and OSCE assessment.



*"I chose to take part in the course to help solve health problems in our community.*

*There is a lack of access to GPs. Being able to assist with acute conditions and providing solutions and triaging patients is invaluable to the community.*

*It's exciting to be part of something that recognises and builds on the clinical skills pharmacists already have."*

**Jo Host**

GRADUATE AND PRESCRIBING COMMUNITY PHARMACIST

## Master of Professional Psychology

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Learn to identify, formulate and respond to symptoms of psychopathology, using diagnostic taxonomies, psychometric assessment tools and therapeutic interventions.
- Master the key theories of psychological practice and their application to a broad range of clients. Discover how you can contribute to improving the link between research and practice.
- Gain the academic and practical experience required for professional practice to enable continued progression through to registration as a practicing psychologist.



## Graduate Certificate of Psychology

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Develop your knowledge and skills in major theoretical perspectives, philosophical and historical developments in core areas of psychology.
- Apply psychological concepts in culturally diverse and geographically dispersed contexts.



## Graduate Diploma of Psychology

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Study the methods and ethics of scientific investigations and evidence-based practice. Use your skills to devise and implement a research project in a small group.
- Increase your knowledge of major theoretical perspectives and concepts, interventions and interactions, plus philosophical and historical developments in psychology.



## Graduate Diploma of Psychology (Bridging)

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Develop a comprehensive understanding of contemporary theoretical perspectives of psychology, their philosophical developments and connections.
- Gain essential skills using technology and statistical methods to facilitate research, client care and community outcomes.



## Master of Psychology (Clinical)

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Gain the advanced academic and practical experience for professional practice that is required for registration as a practising psychologist.
- Increase your knowledge, skills, and technical competencies in clinical psychology to facilitate quality client outcomes in tropical, Indigenous, and rural and remote communities.
- Demonstrate your understanding of research principles, methods, and ethics in a research project addressing a complex issue in clinical psychology.



# Public Health and Tropical Medicine

Find out more



JCU Public Health and Tropical Medicine is a world leader in improving the health and wellbeing of communities within the global Tropics. JCU graduates have highly specialised skills and expertise, enabling them to be effective leaders for positive change in the communities they live and work in.

## Enhance your expertise

Build the skills to progress your career

## Exclusive course offering

The Master of Public Health and Tropical Medicine is the only course of its kind in Australia

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"My time at JCU began as a student in the Master of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, and continues as a HDR candidate as well as a staff member. I left my home country with the ambition to pursue a career in parasitology. Thanks to the overwhelming support from staff, that dream has come true."

## Emily Grahn

ASSOCIATE LECTURER,  
MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND TROPICAL MEDICINE

## Graduate Certificate of Prehospital and Retrieval Medicine

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Integrate and apply an advanced body of theoretical, technical and non-technical knowledge and skills relevant to prehospital, retrieval and aeromedical systems.
- Build on your qualification as a doctor, nurse, or paramedic to manage patients in prehospital and retrieval medicine settings.

Part-time study mode only. Requires some on-campus attendance.

## Graduate Certificate of Disaster Health and Humanitarian Assistance

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Develop the knowledge and skills to deliver a coordinated and evidence-informed public health response in humanitarian emergencies and disaster contexts, both in Australia and internationally.
- Gain specialised theoretical and technical knowledge and skills relevant to a broad range of real-world disaster, emergency, and displacement scenarios.

Part-time study mode only.

## Graduate Certificate of Public Health

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Develop the foundational knowledge and skills to understand and respond to contemporary public health challenges in Australian and global contexts.
- Build your capacity to engage in ethical and evidence-based public health practice.
- Apply core public health principles to support positive change in the communities you serve, both locally and globally.

Part-time study mode only.

## Graduate Certificate of Travel Medicine

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Acquire the knowledge and skills to investigate and manage travel-related diseases, perform travel health risk assessments, and promote the health and safety of travellers.
- Enhance your understanding of current national and international travel medicine practices, policies, and guidelines.

Part-time study mode only. Requires some on-campus attendance.

## Graduate Diploma of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Develop foundational knowledge and skills to address contemporary public health challenges in both Australian and global contexts, with a particular focus on tropical, remote, and resource-limited settings.
- Strengthen your ethical decision-making using evidence-based approaches to public health and tropical disease control.
- Apply your knowledge and public health expertise to support positive health outcomes in the communities you work in, both locally and globally.

## Graduate Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Build the knowledge and skills to integrate and apply an advanced body of theoretical and technical knowledge in the disciplines of tropical medicine and hygiene with depth in epidemiology, pathogenesis, clinical presentation, complications, differential diagnosis, investigation and management of tropical diseases.
- Enhance your professional judgment and ethical decision-making by applying evidence-based approaches to detect, prevent and control communicable and non-communicable diseases ensuring safe and healthy environments for tropical, rural, remote and Indigenous communities.

Requires some on-campus attendance.

## Master of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Gain the knowledge and skills to address contemporary public health challenges in both Australian and global contexts, with a particular focus on tropical, remote, and resource-limited settings.
- Enhance your professional judgement and ethical decision-making by applying evidence-based approaches to public health and tropical disease control.
- Apply your knowledge and expertise in public health and tropical medicine to support and lead positive health outcomes in diverse communities affected by tropical, infectious and non-communicable diseases within an Australian and global context.

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# Science

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JCU Science is a leader in envisioning a sustainable and prosperous future for the Tropics. JCU Graduates have highly developed practical skills and expertise that they use to make a difference.

## #1 in Queensland

for full-time employment  
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## #1 in Queensland

for median graduate salary  
2026 Good Universities Guide, PG Science and Mathematics

## #1 in Queensland

for student support  
2026 Good Universities Guide, PG study area

## Master of Public Health

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Gain the knowledge and skills to address contemporary health challenges in both Australian and global contexts.
- Develop strong ethical and evidence-based decision-making abilities, and learn to lead impactful public health initiatives that benefit communities locally and globally.

### MAJORS

#### Disaster Health and Humanitarian Assistance

Develop the skills to coordinate informed public health responses to humanitarian emergencies and disaster events through this specialised major.

#### Lifestyle Medicine

Explore evidence-based approaches to preventing and managing lifestyle-related health conditions across diverse settings through this innovative major.

#### Prehospital and Retrieval Medicine

Integrate and apply an advanced body of theoretical, technical and non-technical knowledge and skills relevant to prehospital, retrieval and aeromedical systems.



## Master of Public Health - Master of Business Administration

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Combine the power of public health with business leadership. The MPH-MBA double degree prepares professionals to drive impact at the intersection of health and enterprise.
- Gain the strategic, analytical, and leadership skills to shape healthier communities and stronger organisations.



## Master of Public Health - Master of Global Development

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Take your career global with the Master of Public Health and Master of Global Development. This strategic double degree equips health professionals with the skills to tackle complex health and wellbeing challenges across diverse global settings.
- Gain the knowledge to lead change, shape policy, and improve lives worldwide.



## Master of Data Science (Professional)

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Explore recent developments and modern challenges in data science, in areas including machine learning, data mining, algorithm development and advanced modelling.
- Boost your skills in programming languages and software including Python, R, Tableau and AWS.
- Develop a professional portfolio of experience on real-world industry projects to help fast-track your career progress.



## Master of Marine Biology

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Develop specialist skills and knowledge in marine biology, statistics and modelling, environmental science and management, plus marine and microbial ecology.
- Gain extensive experience in research methods and analysis, taking your data science and communication skills to the next level.
- Go deeper into areas of marine biology including quantitative marine ecology, conservation biology, fisheries. Discover the biology, life history and taxonomy of tropical marine organisms.

### MAJORS

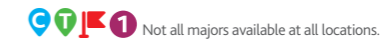
- Professional** – Complete an internship and gain professional experience in conservation science, environmental management, fisheries, eco-tourism, science communication, big data, or policy development.
- Research** – Take on a year-long research project on a topic of your choice, potentially focusing on the biology and ecology of marine organisms and the factors influencing their habitat. Upon successful completion eligible students may proceed into PhD study.



## Graduate Diploma of Science

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Gain advanced theoretical and practical knowledge in a range of specialised scientific fields, through practical workshops, projects and directed study.
- Choose from Aquaculture Science and Technology, Environmental Earth Science, Environmental Management, Fisheries Science and Management, Geology, Marine Biology and Tropical Biology and Conservation.



Not all majors available at all locations.



*“Studying a Master of Science (Professional) at JCU, I feel like I am walking away with much more than a piece of paper, but with genuine hands-on experience and skills to tackle both industry and further academic studies. Diving and living on an island in the Great Barrier Reef for a field trip was pretty amazing.”*

**Jana Birkby**  
 MASTER OF SCIENCE (PROFESSIONAL) STUDENT

Find out more



# Society and Culture

JCU Society and Culture empowers critical thinking. Be equipped to find solutions to social, cultural, and economic issues with a deep understanding of social justice and sustainable societies.

**#1 in Australia**  
 for student support and learning resources  
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**Accelerated learning**  
 Finish sooner with credit for previous study

**Become a change-maker**  
 Gain specialist skills and knowledge

## Master of Science

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Learn from research and industry experts and diversify your knowledge of unique environments including coral reefs, seagrass beds, mangroves, the outback and tropical rainforests.
- Gain hands-on experience with access to research facilities including the Orpheus Island Research Station, the Daintree Rainforest Observatory, and cutting-edge analytical and experimental laboratories.
- Consider the challenges posed to natural environments and analyse the potential for viable solutions.

REFER TO SHARED MAJORS FOR FURTHER DETAILS.



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- Consider the challenges posed to natural resources and environments and analyse the potential for viable solutions.
- Complete coursework subjects and then advance your professional career in science with an independent research project or choose to apply your skills in an industry-based internship. The research project is a pathway towards a PhD by research program.

REFER TO SHARED MAJORS FOR FURTHER DETAILS.



### SHARED MAJORS

#### Aquaculture Science and Technology Available in Townsville only.

Discover how science and technology are transforming the largest growing global food sector, from food production and ornamental species to pioneering breakthroughs in marine bioproducts and blue carbon solutions. Explore how physiology, nutrition, genetics, and health management drive sustainable production and resilience in aquatic systems. Apply cutting-edge tools in digital monitoring, selective breeding, and circular aquaculture design to meet the world's growing demand for sustainable aquatic resources.

#### Environmental Earth Science

Learn about the impacts of land use, land management, and climate change and how applied science is helping to solve these environmental problems.

#### Environmental Management

Develop skills in remote sensing, geographic information systems, and environmental and social impact assessments. Work with research and industry experts and deepen your understanding of how natural environments function and change over time and how to manage them.

#### Fisheries Science and Management Available in Townsville only.

Learn the fundamentals of fisheries science, sustainable development and management approaches in tropical environments.

#### Geology Available in Townsville only.

Explore how Earth has evolved through space and time using field-based, analytical, and applied geoscience techniques. Build expertise in geoscience field techniques, geochemistry, mineral deposits, and cutting-edge dating methods to investigate Earth's dynamic history and address real-world challenges in critical mineral resources, environments, and energy transition.

#### Tropical Biology and Conservation

Located in a biodiversity hotspot, it focuses on tropical ecosystems, providing hands-on training in conservation biology, ecology, and wildlife management.

## Graduate Certificate of Global Development

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Gain a solid introduction to the key issues shaping global development today, from poverty and inequality to sustainability.
- Integrate and apply advanced theoretical and technical knowledge in global development policy and practice.



## Graduate Diploma of Global Development

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Build your specialist skills and experience to support sustainable local and global development.
- Learn in a dynamic environment with experienced, professionally diverse peers from around the world.



## Master of Global Development

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Gain the expertise and specialist skills to address global poverty, inequality, climate change and other development issues.
- Develop professional leadership skills and culturally sensitive practices. Learn to design, implement and evaluate development projects and policy-related initiatives.
- Learn from industry leaders through an internship or complete an individual research project.
- A joint degree is also available with the Master of Global Development. Combine Global Development with a Master of Public Health.





*"I loved the opportunity to work closely with fellow students and staff and discuss the current issues in the sector. I would recommend this degree to anyone interested in development and even those already working in the field."*

**Francesca Earp**

MASTER OF GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT ALUMNI

Find out more



# Tourism

JCU Tourism, Hospitality and Events is a leader in hospitality, tourism and event management. Small classes allow students to access world-class lecturers who are experts in their field.

**#2 in Australia**  
for learner engagement  
2026 Good Universities Guide, PG Business and Management

**#2 in Australia**  
for teaching quality  
2026 Good Universities Guide, PG Business and Management

**Top 100**  
in the world for Hospitality and Leisure Management  
2026 QS World University Rankings

## Graduate Certificate of Indigenous Studies

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Critically examine the contemporary positioning of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and strengthen your capacity to work ethically and effectively with Indigenous communities.
- Explore the continuities of Indigenous knowledges, responses to colonisation (both in Australia and globally), and the complexities of navigating the cultural interface in a range of professional settings.



## Master of Social Work (Professional Qualifying)

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Understand the underlying values, ethics, theories, principles, professional practice and workplace contexts in the social work discipline.
- Gain a recognised professional qualification and the critical skills to improve the lives of individuals, families, groups and communities, working towards creating a just and equitable society.
- Evaluate and apply global and contemporary Australian issues, and international perspectives, with those of First Nations.

Some subjects must be completed online.

## Master of International Tourism and Hospitality Management

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Build your decision-making skills through critical analysis of high-level issues, with a focus on sustainability, innovation and effective leadership. Advance your career and become a management-level professional with expert knowledge of business operations and administration in tourism and hospitality.
- Explore topics including global destinations and competitiveness, tourism and the environment, customer service, management strategies, accounting and finance.

Can be completed in 16 months full-time in Singapore.

## Master of International Tourism and Hospitality Management - Master of Business Administration

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- In your Master of International Tourism and Hospitality Management, gain expert knowledge of business operations and administration and develop the decision-making skills to critically analyse high-level issues. Explore topics including global competitiveness, management strategies and customer service.
- In your Master of Business Administration, develop advanced management skills and learn how to successfully analyse, plan and implement decisions in the workplace. Be exposed to a broad range of disciplines, learn from leading business experts, and benefit from highly influential networking.

Can be completed in 16 months full-time in Singapore.



*"Through my degree, I am gaining knowledge in sustainability, innovation, and effective leadership from expert educators. Our learning goes beyond textbooks—we connect with industry experts, government figures, and professionals from both tourism and business sectors. This hands-on approach builds our critical thinking and helps us understand how a shifting global environment impacts the hospitality industry. As I progress through the degree, my leadership and communication skills are evolving, preparing me for a variety of career paths and roles."*

**Abi Bantatua**

MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT - MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION STUDENT



# Application information

Postgraduate study is one of the best investments you will ever make. It provides enhanced career prospects, and the opportunity to build your expertise and knowledge.

## POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK PROGRAMS

Applying for postgraduate study at JCU only takes a few steps, but it's important you make a fully informed decision, and learn everything about the application process.

[jcu.edu.au/courses/postgrad](http://jcu.edu.au/courses/postgrad)

### To apply for a postgraduate coursework degree at JCU:

1. Explore the JCU course page and study area pages.
2. Check your entry requirements and application due dates. Each course has its own entry requirements and/or prerequisites. Find your course's requirements on the course page, under 'Fast Facts' within the 'Entry Requirements' section.
3. Gather your documentation. You will also need to have your USI (Unique Student Identifier) ready. If you do not have a USI, you will need to create one before beginning your application.
4. Submit your application

All information about applying for postgraduate study at JCU can be found at [jcu.edu.au/applying-to-jcu/domestic/postgraduate-applications](http://jcu.edu.au/applying-to-jcu/domestic/postgraduate-applications). You can also call **1800 246 446** to apply.

## GRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOOL

JCU's Graduate Research School (GRS) oversees all aspects of research degree candidature from application through to graduation, including assistance with scholarship programs.

[jcu.edu.au/graduate-research-school](http://jcu.edu.au/graduate-research-school)

### To apply for a Higher Degree by Research (HDR) at JCU:

1. Identify a topic or area of interest.
2. Find an advisor. Visit [portfolio.jcu.edu.au](http://portfolio.jcu.edu.au) to determine if JCU has the required expertise, and identify a potential Primary Advisor (supervisor) in your area of interest.
3. Contact your potential Advisor by email.
4. Work with your Advisor to develop and submit an online application.

You can submit an application at any time of the year. For further information, including how to find a potential Advisor, and a step-by-step guide to the application process, please visit: [jcu.edu.au/applying-to-jcu/domestic/hdr-applications](http://jcu.edu.au/applying-to-jcu/domestic/hdr-applications)



# Fees and assistance

## POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK PROGRAMS

### Tuition Fees

Coursework students either pay tuition fees or a student contribution amount. Australian citizens or permanent humanitarian visa holders can pay all or part of their fees upfront or defer payment.

### Scholarships, Bursaries and Grants

All students are encouraged to apply for scholarships, bursaries and grants. We offer internal JCU scholarships and grants, plus many external scholarships made available by government departments, businesses and industry groups.

[jcu.edu.au/scholarships](http://jcu.edu.au/scholarships)

### Student Loans and Financial Assistance

There are also two main loan systems to help students with tuition fees:

- Commonwealth Supported Places and the associated loan (HECS-HELP)
- Domestic fee-paying places and the associated loan (FEE-HELP).

[jcu.edu.au/students/fees-and-financial-support](http://jcu.edu.au/students/fees-and-financial-support)

Youth Allowance, Austudy and ABSTUDY assistance may also be available to eligible students undertaking Masters by coursework study in approved courses, please visit: [jcu.edu.au/students/fees-and-financial-support/student-income-support-for-masters-degrees-by-coursework](http://jcu.edu.au/students/fees-and-financial-support/student-income-support-for-masters-degrees-by-coursework)

### Commonwealth Supported Courses

JCU is one of the Australian universities selected to offer Commonwealth Supported Places at postgraduate level. This means that the tuition fees in the courses that have Commonwealth Supported Places are subsidised by the Australian Government, so your upfront fees (which you can choose to defer through HECS-HELP) will be less. Eligible JCU Commonwealth Supported courses are listed below:

- Graduate Certificate of Business Administration
- Graduate Certificate of Career Development
- Graduate Certificate of Diabetes Education
- Graduate Certificate of Disaster Health and Humanitarian Assistance
- Graduate Certificate of Global Development
- Graduate Certificate of Health Professional Education
- Graduate Certificate of Indigenous Studies
- Graduate Certificate of Infection Control
- Graduate Certificate of Lifestyle Medicine
- Graduate Certificate of Project Management
- Graduate Certificate of Public Health
- Graduate Certificate of Rehabilitation
- Graduate Certificate of Research Methods

- Graduate Certificate of Science
- Graduate Diploma of Lifestyle Medicine
- Graduate Diploma of Medical Science
- Graduate Diploma of Midwifery
- Graduate Diploma of Psychology
- Graduate Diploma of Research Methods
- Graduate Diploma of Science
- Master of Education
- Master of Global Development
- Master of Guidance and Counselling
- Master of Lifestyle Medicine
- Master of Marine Biology
- Master of Professional Psychology
- Master of Psychology (Clinical)
- Master of Public Health
- Master of Public Health and Tropical Medicine
- Master of Public Health - Master of Global Development
- Master or Rural Generalist Practice
- Master of Science
- Master of Science (Professional)
- Master of Social Science
- Master of Social Work (Professional Qualifying)
- Master of Teaching and Learning (Secondary)

[jcu.edu.au/students/fees-and-financial-support/postgraduate-commonwealth-supported-places](http://jcu.edu.au/students/fees-and-financial-support/postgraduate-commonwealth-supported-places)

## HIGHER DEGREES BY RESEARCH

### Fees and financial assistance

Australian citizens and permanent residents are Commonwealth supported under the Federal Government's Research Training Program (RTP). Eligible candidates may receive tuition fee exemption, a stipend and allowances for the normal duration of an accredited research course under the scheme. All HDR candidates are required to pay the students services and amenities fee.

### Scholarships

JCU offers many competitive scholarships for higher degree by research candidates. Each of these scholarships provides a stipend to assist with living costs and may include an exemption from tuition fees. For more information, including how scholarship applications are evaluated and the application process, visit: [jcu.edu.au/graduate-research-school/hdr-candidates/postgraduate-research-scholarships](http://jcu.edu.au/graduate-research-school/hdr-candidates/postgraduate-research-scholarships)

# Coursework degrees

Course	Duration (years)	Campus/ Mode	Intake	Prerequisites	Course Code	Page no.
<b>MASTERS BY COURSEWORK</b>						
Master of Business Administration	1.5	T, B, S ^	T1, T2, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a cognate discipline; or AQF level 8 degree; or 4 year managerial experience that satisfies the course co-ordinator's requirements.	116204	18
Master of Business Administration [2-Year]	2	T, B, O ^	T1, T2, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree; or equivalent	121004	18
Master of Data Science (Professional)	2	C, B	T1, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree; or a minimum of five years relevant industry experience in IT or data science or other qualifications with relevant practical experience	300604	33
Master of Education	2 #	B, O	T1, T2, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor education degree; or bachelor degree in another discipline plus two years professional experience in education; or equivalent qualifications.	113804	20
Master of Education-Master of Business Administration	2	B	T1, T2, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree.	117404	21
Master of Engineering Management	2	B	T1, T2, T3	Four-year AQF level 7 bachelor engineering degree; or three-year bachelor engineering degree plus two years professional experience; or equivalent qualifications or experience.	44404	22
Master of Engineering (Professional)	2	T, C ^	T1, T3	Four-year AQF level 7 bachelor engineering degree in a discipline cognate to the major; or equivalent.	118304	22
Master of Global Development	2	C, O	S1, S2	AQF level 7 bachelor degree; or equivalent qualifications or practical experience.	118204	35
Master of Guidance and Counselling	1.3	T, O	T1, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor in cognate discipline.	34704	21
		S	T1, T2, T3			
Master of Health Professional Education	1.5*	O	T1, T2, T3	Registration as a nurse, doctor or other health professional in Australia; AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a relevant discipline with two years practical experience; or equivalent.	107004	26
Master of Information Technology	2	C, B, S, O	T1, T2, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree; or equivalent qualifications or practical experience.	113504	24
Master of Information Technology-Master of Business Administration	2	C, B, S	T1, T2, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in information technology.	112404	24
Master of International Tourism and Hospitality Management	2	C, B, S	T1, T2, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree; or equivalent qualifications or relevant professional experience.	109104	37
Master of International Tourism and Hospitality Management-Master of Business Administration	2	C, B, S	T1, T2, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a business or tourism-related discipline; or equivalent qualifications or relevant professional experience.	112304	37
Master of Lifestyle Medicine	1.5	O	T1, T2, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a health discipline and current AHPRA registration as a health professional	122104	26
Master of Marine Biology	2	T	T1, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in science with a minimum GPA of 5.0 (65%); or equivalent.	119504	33
Master of Medical Science	2	T	S1, S2	AQF level 7 biomedical science degree or medical laboratory science degree; or AQF level 8 Graduate Diploma of Medical Science; or equivalent.	117204	16
Master of Nursing	2	O	Block	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in nursing, or equivalent, and Registered Nurse (Division 1) registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).	300004	27
Master of Professional Accounting	2	B	T1, T2, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a non-accounting discipline; or equivalent.	109504	17
Master of Professional Accounting-Master of Business Administration	2	B, C	T1, T2, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a non-accounting discipline; or equivalent.	112104	17
Master of Professional Psychology	1	T	S2	AQF level 8 bachelor honours degree or graduate diploma with a minimum GPA of 5.0, accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council and current provisional registration as a psychologist in Australia.	121504	29

Campus/Mode: T = Townsville; C = Cairns, B = Brisbane, S = Singapore, D = Darwin, O = Online.

Intake: T = Trimester, S = Semester, Block = subjects completed one at a time, maximum 6 per year.

\* Available as part-time study only.

^ Not all majors available at all campuses/modes.

# Option to accelerate.

Course	Duration (years)	Campus/ Mode	Intake	Prerequisites	Course Code	Page no.
Master of Psychology (Clinical)	2	T, S	S1	AQF level 8 bachelor with Class 1 or 2A honours degree, accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council and current provisional registration as a psychologist in Australia.	102304	29
Master of Public Health	1.5	T, O	T1, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a health discipline; or equivalent qualifications or practical experience.	72504	32
Master of Public Health – Master of Business Administration	2	T, O	T1, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a health discipline; or equivalent qualifications or practical experience.	109804	32
Master of Public Health – Master of Global Development	2	T, C, O	T1, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a health discipline; or equivalent qualifications or practical experience.	122204	32
Master of Public Health and Tropical Medicine	1.5	T, O	T1, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a related discipline; or equivalent qualifications with relevant professional experience.	74204	31
Master of Rural Generalist Practice	1.5	T, O	T1, T2, T3	AQF level 7 degree in a relevant health discipline, with at least 2 years professional experience.	117504	23
Master of Science	1.3	T, C ^	T1, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in science with a minimum GPA of 5.0 (65%); or equivalent.	106904	34
Master of Science (Professional)	2	T, C ^	T1, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in science with a minimum GPA of 5.0 (65%); or equivalent.	115804	34
Master of Social Work (Professional Qualifying)	2	T, C	T1, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a relevant discipline other than an Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) recognised social work degree; or equivalent qualifications.	103804	36
Master of Teaching and Learning (Secondary)	2	T, C	S1	AQF level 7 bachelor degree with subjects in two teaching areas that link to the national school curriculum and/or the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority.	114104	21
<b>GRADUATE DIPLOMAS</b>						
Graduate Diploma of Global Development	1	C, O	T1, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree; or equivalent qualifications or practical experience.	118206	35
Graduate Diploma of Health Professional Education	1*	O	T1, T2, T3	Registration as a nurse, doctor of medicine or other health professional in Australia; AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a relevant discipline, with two years relevant experience; or equivalent.	107006	25
Graduate Diploma of Lifestyle Medicine	1	O	T1, T2, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a health discipline and current AHPRA registration as a health professional	122106	26
Graduate Diploma of Medical Science	1	T	S1, S2	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in biomedical sciences or cognate degree; or equivalent.	116107	16
Graduate Diploma of Midwifery	1.5*	O	T1	Registration as a nurse in Australia, and an AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a health-related field, or equivalent, and have concurrent placement arranged for a minimum 0.4FTE in a midwifery unit.	73907	27
Graduate Diploma of Nursing	1.4	O	Block	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in nursing, or equivalent, and Registered Nurse (Division 1) registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).	300006	27
Graduate Diploma of Psychology (Bridging)	1.7	O	Block	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in any field other than psychology.	300306	29
Graduate Diploma of Psychology	1	T, S, O	T1, T2	AQF Level 7 bachelor degree or bridging degree approved by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council, completed in the past 10 years with a minimum GPA of 5.0 (65%); or equivalent.	15707	29
Graduate Diploma of Public Health and Tropical Medicine	1	T, O	T1, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a health-related discipline; or equivalent.	73707	31
Graduate Diploma of Research Methods	1	T, C, S, O	S1, S2	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a relevant discipline; with a minimum grade point average of 5.0 (credit average) in the final year; or other qualifications recognised by the University as equivalent	114106	15
Graduate Diploma of Rural Generalist Practice	1	T, O	T1, T2, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a relevant health discipline more than two years prior to admission.	117506	23
Graduate Diploma of Science	1	T, C	T1, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in science; or equivalent.	105006	33
Graduate Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene	1	T, O	T1, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a relevant health discipline; or equivalent.	73807	31

Course	Duration (years)	Campus/ Mode	Intake	Prerequisites	Course Code	Page no.
<b>GRADUATE CERTIFICATES</b>						
Graduate Certificate of Advanced Practice and Prescribing for Pharmacists	1*	T, D	T1, T3	General registration with the Pharmacy Board of Australia with no conditions and currently working in community or hospital practice in Australia.  Pharmacists holding provisional registration and are near the end of their intern training require approval from the Head of Discipline.	120811	28
Graduate Certificate of Business Administration	0.7*	T, B, S	T1, T2, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree, or a minimum of five years business experience; or equivalent qualifications or practical experience.	109011	19
Graduate Certificate of Career Development	0.75	O	Block	Completion of an AQF level 7 bachelor degree; or equivalent.	106011	20
Graduate Certificate of Diabetes Education	0.8*	O	Block	AQF level 7 bachelor degree, or equivalent, in clinical-based health, allied health or relevant field, plus one year relevant practical experience.	113011	23
Graduate Certificate of Disaster Health and Humanitarian Assistance	1*	T, O	T1, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a relevant health discipline; or equivalent.	76811	30
Graduate Certificate of Education	0.7 #	B, O	T1, T2, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree; or cognate AQF level 8 qualification; or at least five years relevant industry experience.	35111	20
Graduate Certificate of Global Development	1*	C, O	T1, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree; or equivalent qualifications or practical experience.	118211	35
Graduate Certificate of Health Professional Education	0.5*	O	T1, T2, T3	Registration as a nurse, doctor of medicine or other health professional in Australia; or AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a relevant discipline with two years practical experience; or equivalent.	107011	25
Graduate Certificate of Indigenous Studies	1*	O	T1, T2, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree; or equivalent.	121411	36
Graduate Certificate of Infection Control	1	O	T1, T2, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a medical, nursing or other health-related field; or at least five years experience in a health profession.	76711	23
Graduate Certificate of Information Technology	0.7	C, O	T1*	AQF level 7 bachelor degree; or equivalent qualifications or practical experience.	50311	24
	0.5	B, S	T1, T2, T3			
Graduate Certificate of Lifestyle Medicine	0.5	O	T1, T2, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a health discipline or equivalent.	122111	26
Graduate Certificate of Nursing	0.7	O	Block	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in nursing, or equivalent, and Registered Nurse (Division 1) registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).	300011	27
Graduate Certificate of Prehospital and Retrieval Medicine	1*	O	T1, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a relevant health discipline plus two years postgraduate experience; or equivalent.	76511	30
Graduate Certificate of Project Management	1**	T, B, O	T1, T2	AQF level 7 bachelor degree; or equivalent qualifications or practical experience.	121111	19
Graduate Certificate of Psychology	0.7	O	Block	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in any field other than psychology.	300311	29
Graduate Certificate of Public Health	1*	T, O	T1, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a relevant health discipline; or equivalent.	101811	30
Graduate Certificate of Research Methods	0.5	T, C, S, O	S1, S2	AQF level 8 qualification in a relevant discipline with a minimum GPA of 5.0 (credit average) in the final year and a credit (65%) in one advanced research subject; or equivalent.	114611	15
Graduate Certificate of Travel Medicine	1*	O	T1, T3	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a relevant health discipline; or equivalent qualifications with relevant professional experience.	73511	30

Campus/Mode: T = Townsville; C = Cairns, B = Brisbane, S = Singapore, D = Darwin, O = Online.

Intake: T = Trimester, S = Semester, Block = subjects completed one at a time, maximum 6 per year.

\* Available as part-time study only.

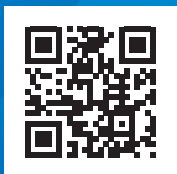
^ Not all majors available at all campuses/modes.

# Option to accelerate.

# Research degrees

Course	Duration (years)	Campus/ Mode	Intake	Course code	Prerequisites
<b>PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES</b>					
<b>Professional Doctorate</b>	4		Open		AQF level 8 bachelor honours degree (1 or 2A) or postgraduate qualification, incl. one semester of supervised research with a distinction grade and one research methods subject; or AQF level 9 research master with two thirds supervised research and a thesis; plus demonstrated professional experience.
<i>Discipline:</i> Education		T, C, O		111102	
<b>DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY</b>					
<b>Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)</b>	4		Open		AQF level 8 bachelor honours degree (1 or 2A) or postgraduate qualification, incl. one semester of supervised research with a distinction grade and one research methods subject; or AQF level 9 research master with two thirds supervised research and a thesis.
<i>Discipline:</i> Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies		T, C, S, O		110502	
Architecture and Building		T, C, S, O		110402	
Creative Arts		T, C, O		111002	
Education		T, C, S, O		110702	
Engineering and Related Technologies		T, C, O		110302	
Health		T, C, S, O		110602	
Indigenous		T, C, O		111902	
Information Technology		T, C, S, O		110202	
Management and Commerce		T, C, S, O		110802	
Medical, Molecular and Veterinary Sciences		T, C, O		111602	
Natural and Physical Sciences		T, C, O		110102	
Society and Culture		T, C, S, O		110902	
<b>MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY</b>					
<b>Master of Philosophy (MPhil)</b>	2		Open		AQF level 7 bachelor degree with a minimum GPA of 5.5 in the final full-time year of study; or demonstrated research experience.
<i>Discipline:</i> Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies		T, C, S, O		110503	
Architecture and Building		T, C, S, O		110403	
Creative Arts		T, C, O		111003	
Education		T, C, S, O		110703	
Engineering and Related Technologies		T, C, O		110303	
Health		T, C, S, O		110603	
Indigenous		T, C, O		111103	
Information Technology		T, C, S, O		110203	
Management and Commerce		T, C, S, O		110803	
Medical, Molecular and Veterinary Sciences		T, C		111603	
Natural and Physical Sciences		T, C, O		110103	
Society and Culture		T, C, S, O		110903	

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