

# Doctorate



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# Why JCU?

## **ACCESS EXPERTISE**

Conduct research with academics who are experts in their field. JCU is ranked “well above world standard” in eight research areas, and “world-class” in another 30 in the Excellence in Research for Australia.<sup>^</sup>

## **RESEARCH WITH THE BEST**

JCU is ranked No.1 in the world for Marine & Freshwater Biology and No.2 for Biodiversity Conservation.<sup>+</sup>

## **UNIQUE RESEARCH ENVIRONMENTS**

Study, research, and work in fascinating locations. JCU can take you from the desktop, laboratory or clinic to the outback, to metropolitan cities, to overseas, with 26 JCU dedicated research centres and institutes.

## **LEARN TO LEAD**

Enhance your leadership skills through Higher Degree Research. Strengthen your ability to make independent, ethical judgements and be an effective, responsible leader.

## **EXPERIENCE HAS NO SUBSTITUTE**

Develop high-level research skills in state-of-the-art facilities to accelerate your career in research for application in a range of contexts.

## **STRONG NETWORKS**

Build professional networks through collaborative learning. JCU graduates have a comprehensive understanding of how networking supports a career, and have opportunities to enhance these through their study.

<sup>^</sup>ERA 2018 <sup>+</sup>CWUR 2017



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✔ Designed for high performing university graduates, the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) is a postgraduate research degree with a supervised project of original research at its core. Develop high-level independent research skills, while making an original contribution of knowledge to your chosen area.

✔ As a JCU PhD candidate, you'll have the opportunity to undertake focused research in the Tropics. You'll explore and generate new knowledge to meet the social, environmental and sustainability challenges facing tropical communities.

## COURSE DETAILS:

<b>Locations:</b>	JCU Cairns, JCU Townsville, JCU Singapore, Online
<b>Commencing:</b>	Flexible
<b>Duration:</b>	Four years full- time Part-time available
<b>Attendance mode:</b>	External, Internal
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Previous research qualification or equivalent

For further information, please visit the [JCU Graduate Research School](#). Note: Information is for domestic students only.

# Create new knowledge, transform your future

You may be currently studying or have significant professional experience and want to channel your expertise and interests into research. Wherever you are in your career, a research degree at JCU can help you achieve your goals. Work closely with experienced advisors to identify a research question, design and implement a project, analyse the results and document the research as a thesis. The PhD generally has no required coursework, although some can be taken as an option.

Manage your project challenges and timeline pressures with structured milestones built into the program. Build transferrable and sought-after career skills through the Professional Development component of your doctorate.

JCU offers Cotutelle Award PhD degrees with exceptional university partners globally to deliver excellence in research and research education. If you are from another university or have a collaborator at another university, you might consider formalising this collaboration with a Cotutelle PhD arrangement.

## How to apply

### 1 IDENTIFY A RESEARCH TOPIC

### 2 CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

### 3 SEARCH FOR AN ADVISOR

### 4 APPLY

You should prepare these things before starting your online application:

- Two referee reports.
- Transcripts and parchments of undergraduate, honours and postgraduate courses undertaken
- Certification of English language proficiency
- Passport details or evidence of citizenship
- Outline of your proposed research
- Current CV or resume
- Evidence of publications.



*“Undertaking a research degree can be a challenging yet rewarding experience. At JCU, the incredibly receptive and friendly staff offer support to ensure you are research-ready from day one. With training and professional development as part of your PhD, you are job-ready upon completion of your degree.”*

**Rishab Pillai**

PHD CANDIDATE





*“As a PhD candidate at JCU, you are not just a student number. You are a co-researcher in a world-class team finding solutions to problems that make the world a better place. You will be challenged to think outside the box, solve complex problems and collaborate with amazing people from diverse backgrounds across multiple disciplines. You will produce outstanding research results. But, more importantly, you will be trained in critical thinking, creativity, ethical conduct, analysis and the communication of complex ideas. A doctorate from JCU gives you all the skills you need to make a brighter future.”*

**Sean Ulm**

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR  
ASSOCIATE DEAN OF RESEARCH EDUCATION FOR  
THE COLLEGE OF ARTS, SOCIETY AND EDUCATION

## Enhance your Experience

A JCU PhD offers a number of opportunities to enrich your research and build your professional skills, including:

- Designing a flexible Professional Development program during candidature, tailored to your career aspirations.
- Maximising your employability skills by participating in mentoring and internship opportunities during your candidature.
- Boosting your communication skills through the Three Minute Thesis (3MT®), a national competition celebrating research undertaken by PhD candidates.
- Expanding your networks through attending national or international conferences.





# Fees and Scholarships

## TUITION FEES

JCU, with the support of the Australian Government's Research Training Program, will cover the costs of tuition fees for Australian citizens/permanent residents and New Zealand citizens.

A [Student Services and Amenities fee](#) is payable.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

JCU Scholarships for Higher Degree by Research candidates are awarded annually on a competitive basis to top-ranking applicants. When you apply for a scholarship, you will be considered for all of the scholarships for which you are eligible, starting from the scholarship with the highest value.

JCU also has a range of externally-funded scholarships available to support research candidates in specific research areas

For more information on scholarships, visit [JCU Postgraduate Research Scholarships](#)



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