

# Master of Philosophy (Indigenous)



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# Why JCU?

## **A STUDENT EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER**

- Access to world-class researchers
- Connect with industry with a research internship
- Enhance your skills in the professional development program
- Support through scholarships and grant funding
  - Discover great accommodation options
- Join a research community with peer-mentoring
  - Benefit from dedicated research support

## **ENCOURAGING ENVIRONMENT**

Excel in small class sizes with personalised support. JCU is independently rated five stars for social equity\*.

## **TRANSFERABLE SKILLS**

Expand employability opportunities. JCU students gain valuable communication and creative thinking skills, applicable to various career pathways.

## **BE A DIGITAL DISRUPTOR**

Build critical thinking skills. Highly valued across industries, JCU graduates engage in reflective and independent thinking – arriving at relevant solutions for the complex challenges.

## **SUPPORT FOR YOUR SUCCESS**

Explore JCU's range of scholarships, grants and bursaries and discover the right financial assistance to achieve your goals.

\* Good University Guide 2021





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- ✓ A JCU Master of Philosophy (Indigenous) provides exceptional students with the opportunity to complete a significant independent research thesis.
- ✓ Identify and outline a relevant issue in your chosen research area. Develop advanced skills in research principles to plan and produce an original contribution to the field of Indigenous studies. Studies will culminate in a presentation of your thesis.
- ✓ Benefit from the guided support of experienced supervisors, as well as access to resources across all disciplines and colleges at JCU. Engage and network with leading researchers, world-class lecturers, and fellow students.
- ✓ Make a meaningful contribution to the future of Indigenous research and affairs. Master of Philosophy students are equipped with the critical skills required to work in research or to continue on to study a PhD.

## COURSE DETAILS:

Locations:	Cairns, Townsville, Online
Start Dates:	February, June
Duration:	2 years full-time
Prerequisites:	Bachelor degree with conditions

For further course-specific information, please visit the [Handbook](#). Note: Information is for domestic students only.

# Create new knowledge, transform your future.

## What is a Master of Philosophy?

The Master of Philosophy (MPhil) is a postgraduate research degree that develops your independent research skills. The course is two years of full-time equivalent study.

An MPhil research project makes a new contribution to knowledge or evaluates existing material in a new light and results in the production of a research thesis.

The skills you develop during your MPhil will enable you to take on theoretical and practical approaches to problems and innovate within a broad range of potential applications. You can develop yourself professionally within your existing sector, or you can apply your research, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills to new contexts.

## Support to succeed

Gain the confidence and independence you need to complete your research with the Master of Philosophy (Indigenous) Intensive.

The first six-day intensive, held at the beginning of your Masters, is designed to step you through the processes of how to undertake research. Develop an understanding of literature reviews and collaborate with your peers and advisors in this dynamic and innovative program.

The second six-day intensive is held after your first six months of candidature. In this week, you will learn more about developing an appropriate approach and methods to your project. This intensive will help you to understand the theory and practice of undertaking research within the exciting and complex field of Indigenous Studies.

## The JCU MPhil

As an MPhil candidate, JCU provides you with opportunity to undertake focused research in the Tropics, and to generate new knowledge to meet the social, environmental and sustainability challenges facing the peoples of the Tropics.

JCU offers you a program of study that can be tailored to your individual needs as a research student. Your research project is the largest component of your course, and you will be guided by a research advisory academic team. You will access a range of coursework, professional development, and modularised learning materials to help support you throughout the MPhil. You'll be encouraged to communicate and present your research and write research publications and give conference presentations.





*“A Master of Philosophy is quite fun — it’s very different from coursework. It’s for people who are passionate about a project, when they want to go and explore and it’s self-guided. You get to develop your own project as you go. One of the benefits is that you learn research skills and it’s experiential learning. You’re coming up with research problems and research questions. You’re learning how to develop data collection tools. You’re going in and collecting that data and analysing it and recording it. You’re learning skills that can be used in any setting.”*

**Dr. Allie McDowall**

LECTURER





# Career Opportunities

JCU Master of Philosophy (Indigenous) graduates are internationally recognised as experts who produce valuable new knowledge in their fields.

Graduates pursue careers in politics, Indigenous areas of corporate organisations, not-for-profit, media, research and education.

You could find employment as a research officer, policy advisor, community relations officer, journalist, Indigenous programs advisor, politician in Indigenous Affairs, academic, lecturer or school leadership positions. Graduates can also continue their independent research in a Doctor of Philosophy.







# 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 per subject up to a maximum amount per year.

[jcu.edu.au/students/fees](http://jcu.edu.au/students/fees)

## 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.

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

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