

Alternative Entry Pathways for PhD and Masters by Research Degrees

Qualification levels required for entry to the JCU PhD and Masters by Research Degrees.

Three-year general degree

Research Training \geq 12 credit points or 50% of one-year, full-time equivalent.

Qualification	GPA for Research Training Subjects: HD or D	GPA for Research Training Subjects: Credit	GPA for Research Training Subjects: HD, D or Credit	Research Training (irrespective of size): < Credit
3-year Bachelor Degree in an appropriate discipline plus Honours	PhD	Masters	Masters	-
3-year Bachelor Degree plus Coursework Masters	PhD	Masters	Masters	-
3-year Bachelor Degree plus Graduate Diploma of Research Methods (see below)	PhD	Masters	Masters	-
3-year Bachelor Degree plus Graduate Certificate of Research Methods* (see below)	PhD	Masters	Masters	-

*Not sufficient for scholarship consideration.

Note: Entry level for Bachelor Degree plus other qualification, publications or relevant experience to be determined by the Research Education Sub-Committee.

Four-year professional degree

Research Training \geq 6 credit points or 25% of one-year, full-time equivalent

Qualification	GPA for Research Training Subjects: HD or D	GPA for Research Training Subjects: Credit	GPA for Research Training Subjects: HD, D or Credit	Research Training (irrespective of size): < Credit
4-year Bachelor Degree in an appropriate discipline with First Class or 2A Honours	PhD	Masters	Masters	-
4-year Bachelor Degree in an appropriate discipline with 2B or Third Class Honours	Masters	Masters	Masters	-
4-year Bachelor Degree plus Coursework Masters	PhD	Masters	Masters	-
4-year Bachelor Degree plus Graduate Certificate of Research Methods (see below)	PhD	Masters	Masters	-

Note: Entry level for Bachelor Degree plus other qualification, publications or relevant experience to be determined by the Research Education Sub-Committee.

Entitlement to enrol in Research Methods courses

It is expected that students who have successfully completed a four-year Bachelor Degree will normally enrol in the Graduate Certificate of Research Methods; those who have completed a three-year Bachelor Degree will normally enrol in the Graduate Diploma of Research Methods unless they can demonstrate substantial relevant experience.

Both courses will be offered at the postgraduate level.

Objectives

1. To determine whether the student has the capacity for independent research.
2. To provide training in research methods appropriate to the research aspirations of the student.
3. To provide other training in advanced coursework as required.

4. To fulfil the University's Confirmation of Candidature requirements for a Masters by Research Degree.

Requirements for the Graduate Diploma of Research Methods

1. Entry to the Graduate Diploma of Research Methods shall normally require a three-year Bachelor Degree in the relevant discipline with a third-year grade point average (GPA) of at least Credit.
2. A candidate for the Graduate Diploma of Research Methods shall follow a course of study to obtain a minimum of 24 coursework and research credit points as required by their Head of School. The credit points should be chosen to enable the student to complete the University's Confirmation of Candidature requirements for a Masters by Research Degree.
3. The requirements for the Graduate Diploma of Research Methods shall normally be completed in not less than two teaching periods of full-time study. Advanced standing may be granted for recognised prior learning.
4. Candidates seeking eligibility to enrol in a Masters by Research Degree will be required to obtain at least a Credit in their first minor project and an overall Credit average in order to be considered by the Faculty for a Masters by Research candidature.

Requirements for the Graduate Certificate of Research Methods

1. Entry to the Graduate Certificate of Research Methods shall normally require a four-year Bachelor Degree in the relevant discipline with a fourth-year GPA of at least Credit. On recommendation by the Head of School and with approval of the Faculty, candidates who have successfully completed all relevant coursework within a three-year Bachelor Degree may also be permitted entry provided that they:
 - Normally have a Distinction average in at least 21 credit points at third-year level in their major discipline;
 - Have obtained at least a Credit in any undergraduate research methods subjects relevant to their intended Masters program; and
 - Enrol in a pilot study for their intended Masters project as a minor project subject within the Graduate Certificate program.
2. A candidate for the Graduate Certificate of Research Methods shall follow a course of study to obtain a minimum of 12 coursework and research credit points as required by their Head of School. The credit points should be chosen to enable the student to complete the University's Confirmation of Candidature requirements for a Masters by Research Degree.
3. The requirements for the Graduate Certificate of Research Methods shall be completed in not less than one teaching period of full-time study.
4. Candidates seeking eligibility to enrol in a Masters by Research Degree will be required to obtain at least a Credit in their first minor project and an overall Credit average in order to be considered by the Faculty for a Masters candidature.