

## Key messages for JCU Colleges on the Master of Philosophy

ADREs, Colleges and Advisors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage colleges to steer ECRs towards becoming MPhil advisors, to gain experience.</li> <li>• Encourage current students into this pathway to a PhD as an alternative to honours, grad cert, grad dip (best option likely to be discipline specific as well as from student perspective, depth of study and no fees /fee waivers for Masters)</li> <li>• Indicate that the depth of project is likely to yield research outcomes in the form of journal articles etc</li> <li>• Indicate that the MPhil will increase the pool of potential PhD candidates</li> <li>• Indicate that the MPhil helps to establish the internationally recognised Bologna model of 3+2+3 years of study</li> <li>• Up to 15 credit points of Course work can be built in</li> <li>• Hones in on a particular topic</li> <li>• Builds techniques and skills in research</li> <li>• Great support structures ( more info on the <a href="#">MPhil course pages</a> )</li> </ul>
Current students (dom and int)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gives strong research skills from a first research qualification</li> <li>• Good choice after undergraduate for those looking to a PhD in future</li> <li>• No fees for domestic students; potential fee waiver option for internationals</li> <li>• Potential for completion in 2 years or less</li> <li>• Less investment of time than a PhD (with more support)</li> <li>• Flexible to suit your life style</li> <li>• Go on to undertake a PhD with strong potential for early completion in 3 years or less</li> <li>• Wide range of Professional Development opportunities</li> <li>• Provides the ability to undertake internships</li> <li>• Scholarships available</li> <li>• Enhances professional capability with research experience</li> </ul>
External Stakeholders	
Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shorter than PhD</li> <li>• Industry placements possible</li> <li>• Candidates gain research skills and specialise in a specific area of research</li> <li>• Candidates receive ongoing support and build their research skills to be PhD ready</li> <li>• Great option for upskilling employees in specific areas and for them to gain excellent research quals in 2 years or less.</li> </ul>
Future HDR candidates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good choice after undergraduate for those looking to a PhD in future</li> <li>• Internationally more recognised than honours</li> </ul>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Funding through RTPs for Domestic students; potential fee waivers for internationals</li><li>• Potential for completion in 2 years or less</li></ul> |
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