Pursue your passion
Postgraduate Research

Ready today for tomorrow
Why JCU?

ACCESS EXPERTISE
Learn from and connect 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.^

STUDY WITH THE BEST
JCU is ranked No.1 in the world for Marine & Freshwater Biology and No.2 for Biodiversity Conservation.+

UNIQUE RESEARCH ENVIRONMENTS
Study, research, and work in fascinating locations. JCU postgraduate courses can take you from the classroom to the outback, to metropolitan cities, to overseas. Stand out from the crowd by learning to operate in any location.

READY TODAY FOR TOMORROW
Graduate with confidence. Independently ranked the number one Queensland University in postgraduate study for starting salary and full-time employment, advance your career with a world-class education.*

LEARN TO LEAD
Enhance your leaderships skills through JCU postgraduate study. 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.

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 their network through their courses.

^ERA 2018 +CWUR 2017 *Good Universities Guide 2020 postgraduate ratings
Cultivate a passion for lifelong learning through a JCU postgraduate research degree. Develop the professional skills and hone your ability to think differently to launch a career in research. Whether you are changing direction or looking to accelerate your current career, studying a JCU postgraduate degree will give you skills to gain insight and respond to complex challenges.

Access state-of-the-art research equipment to aid you in your efforts to make discoveries and expand knowledge in your field. In makerspaces, such as the JCU Ideas Club, you have access to cutting edge facilities, equipment and technology. You also have the opportunity to conduct research in unique locations, including JCU Orpheus Island Research Station and the JCU Daintree Rainforest Observatory.

You can study a:

- Graduate Certificate of Research Methods,
- Graduate Diploma of Research Methods,
- Masters by research (Master of Philosophy)
- Doctorate (PhD)

The graduate certificate and graduate diploma courses are focused on research methods involving either tropical environments and societies or tropical health and medicine. You will receive research training to prepare you to take on formal research projects, such as the ones conducted in a masters and doctorate program.

Masters degrees are completed in two years of full-time study, and doctorates are completed in four years of full-time study. Part-time study is available for both degrees.

JCU masters and doctorates courses are structured around a research project and culminate in a presentation of your thesis. JCU postgraduate research courses are opportunities for you to sharpen your skills, make discoveries in a topic that you're passionate about, and contribute your knowledge and discoveries to your field.

Make an impact in your field when you undertake a JCU postgraduate research program. Complete a masters or doctorate that gives you qualifications to accelerate your career because experience has no substitute.

**Why do research?**

Pursue your interest to a deeper level and conduct research that makes a difference. Hone your skills, contribute to your field of study and expand your opportunities through a JCU postgraduate research degree.

**FEES INFORMATION**

**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. All candidates can also apply for a competitively awarded stipend to help with living costs, as well as tuition costs for international students.

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**Support for your success**

JCU offers a range of scholarships, bursaries and grants, plus many external scholarships are available through government departments, business and industry groups.

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**HOW TO APPLY**

To apply for the Graduate Certificate of Research Methods or the Graduate Diploma of Research Methods, please visit [link] for information about prerequisites.

To apply for a Master of Philosophy, you will need to have completed a bachelor’s degree with grade point average of 5.5 in the final year or demonstrated research experience.

To apply for a Doctorate, including Professional Doctorates and PhDs, you need to have completed a bachelor’s degree with at least Honours 2A or a postgraduate qualification with a supervised research component of at least one semester full-time equivalent, or a Master of Philosophy.

For more information about studying a Masters or a Doctorate, please visit [link]
Contact us

For further information on about postgraduate courses, fees, and short courses, contact the JCU Student Centre.

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