Graduate Diploma in Business (Research) (BS69)

Year offered: 2011
Admissions: Yes
CRICOS code: 072979M
Course duration (full-time): 1 year (2 semesters)
Course duration (part-time): 2 years (4 semesters)
Domestic Fees (indicative): 2011: $9,750 per semester (indicative)
International Fees (indicative): 2011: $11,375 per semester (indicative)
Domestic Entry: February; July* (*not Economics, Finance or Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies)
International Entry: February; July* (*subject to unit and supervisor availability)
Total credit points: 96
Standard credit points per full-time semester: 48
Standard credit points per part-time semester: 24
Discipline coordinator: A/Prof Marion Hutchinson (Accountancy); A/Prof Ian Lings (Advertising, International Business, Marketing & Public Relations); Prof Janice Howe (Economics and Finance), Dr Artemis Chang (Management and Human Resource Management), Prof Myles McGregor-Lowndes (Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies)
Campus: Gardens Point

Majors

- Graduate Diploma in Business (Research) (Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies)
- Graduate Diploma in Business (Research) (Accountancy)
- Graduate Diploma in Business (Research) (Finance)
- Graduate Diploma in Business (Research) (Human Resource Management)
- Graduate Diploma in Business (Research) (International Business)
- Graduate Diploma in Business (Research) (Management)
- Graduate Diploma in Business (Research) (Marketing)
- Graduate Diploma in Business (Research) (Public Relations)
- Graduate Diploma in Business (Research) (Advertising)
- Graduate Diploma in Business (Research) (Economics)

Why choose this course?
The Graduate Diploma in Business (Research) is a PhD qualifying course, designed to provide the initial research training required to gain entry into the PhD. For this reason the Graduate Diploma in Business (Research) is best viewed as a pathway program and not as a standalone course.

Overview
The Graduate Diploma in Business (Research) provides high-achieving students with no or limited previous research experience the opportunity to develop advanced analytical, theoretical and empirical research skills that provide a sound preparation for advanced research training within a PhD.

The capacity to conduct rigorous independent research will be developed, and the advanced coursework integrates conceptual knowledge and research skills within a discipline. The Graduate Diploma program allows the development of advanced theoretical knowledge integrated with a rigorous introduction to research training in a chosen field. Applicants will have shown high achievement in a relevant undergraduate degree or coursework Masters degree.

As a graduate you will be able to clearly demonstrate an ability to undertake rigorous independent research.


Meeting minimum entry requirements does not guarantee entry into this course. Admission to the Graduate Diploma in Business (Research) program will depend on the availability of supervision, infrastructure and other required resources.

PhD Pathway for International Students
Grad Dip (Research) + PhD pathway for international students: If the offer for entry into BS69 is packaged with the PhD, the following conditions will apply:
1. The package is defined as a sequence of programs from BS69 to IF49;
2. Progression from BS69 to IF49 is guaranteed if the BS69 is completed with a GPA of 5.5/7 or greater;
3. A supervisor for the IF49, normally the same as the supervisor for the BS69, is confirmed when assessing entry into the BS69 program;
4. A suitable research topic and thesis title for both BS69 and IF49, the latter of which can be a progression of the topic undertaken in BS69, is confirmed when assessing entry into the BS69 program;
5. The Business School guarantees Research support, places, supervisors and topic areas for IF49 12 months in advance of when the offer for BS69 is made to full
Course Availability

Mid-year Entry:
Students should contact the Research Discipline Coordinator for enrolment advice and course progression details. The majors in Finance, Economics, and Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies are not available for mid-year entry due to unit availability. Mid-year entry to any major cannot be guaranteed and is subject to supervisor and unit availability.

Part-time Study:
Students should contact the Research Discipline Coordinator for enrolment advice and course progression details. Part-time study in any major cannot be guaranteed and is subject to unit availability. The majors in Finance, Economics, and Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies are not available for part-time study due to unit availability.

Course design

Students must complete four coursework units (48 credit points) and a dissertation (48 credit points) as per the programs of study described under the individual majors.

Unit prerequisite requirements are deemed to have been satisfied upon admission to this course. Where elective units may be undertaken, students should check prerequisite requirements in the unit synopsis section of the QUT Handbook and obtain approval from the Subject Area Coordinator prior to enrolment.

Grades are awarded for each of the individual coursework units. The thesis, which is currently given the weight of four units, is also graded.

Important course specific enrolment advice

This course is a PhD qualifying course, and applicants are assessed as to their potential suitability for undertaking a PhD on the completion of BS69. Prior to enrolment in BS69, a supervisor and dissertation topic must be allocated. Contact with the supervisor prior to applying for entry is essential.

To obtain further information about the policies and procedures relating to this course, please refer to the Business School Postgraduate Guidelines.

Other useful information can be found on the Student Services website.