The purpose of this course is to provide the basic research training for potential PhD candidates who do not possess the necessary research experience to gain entry into the PhD. It is offered as an alternative pathway, giving you the opportunity to pursue a research career.

### Entry requirements

**Academic entry requirement**

A completed recognised bachelor degree or masters degree (coursework) (or qualifications deemed equivalent) with a minimum grade point average (GPA) score of 5.5 or better (on QUT’s 7 point scale). This qualification must include a major in the area of intended study.

### Application guide

Applicants are required to nominate a supervisor and topic when submitting a formal application. Normally applications will be successful only if a supervisor and topic are well matched. The faculty does not guarantee supervision capacity for all topics. Applicants should ensure that there is a genuine fit with the potential supervisor’s research interests by looking at the interests of the researchers within the relevant school as described on the QUT Business School website. The Research Coordinator within each school can also assist with this process.

This contact should include a transcript of academic records, the topic area which they wish to study, the school in which they wish to undertake their research, and if known, the name of a potential supervisor. The HDR Admissions Officer may ask for further information to assist with your enquiry. The information will be passed onto the nominated school or supervisor.

### Application submission

To apply, applicants should submit an application using the PG Form and email this to QUT Admissions at (apply@qut.edu.au).

Note: Applicants are encouraged to enrol initially in the Graduate Diploma in Business (Research) to undertake the academic prerequisite training for potential entry into the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program.
Course structure
Students must complete four coursework units (48 credit points) and a dissertation (48 credit points), as per the program of study.

Unit prerequisite requirements are deemed to have been satisfied upon admission to this course. Where option (elective) units may be undertaken, students should check prerequisite requirements and obtain approval from the Research Discipline Coordinator.

Fees
FEE-HELP
You may be eligible for FEE-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your course fees, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the FEE-HELP information.

Student Services and Amenities Fee
You’ll need to pay the student services and amenities fee as part of your course costs. You may be eligible for SA-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your student services and amenities fee, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the SA-HELP information.