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.

**Faculty research contact**

Email: bus.research@qut.edu.au

Telephone: +61 (7) 3138 1407

**Application submission**

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

International students who receive a scholarship on the basis of a conditional PhD offer should contact the QUT Business School to discuss the possibility of a study offer that has a pathway of Graduate Diploma in Business (Research) with the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) prior to submitting a formal application.

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 PhD program.

**Minimum English requirements**

Students must meet the English proficiency requirements.
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Course structure

In your first semester, you will complete four coursework units which may involve advanced discipline studies or subjects in research methods designed to get you started in your research dissertation.

In your second semester, you will undertake a dissertation, under the supervision of an academic adviser.

Course subjects will vary dependant on the specific discipline you choose to follow.