The Doctor of Education (EdD) focuses on applied investigation and problem solving rather than on a contribution to pure research or to theoretical knowledge. This professional doctorate, comprising coursework units and a thesis, is oriented towards enhancing professional practice and focuses on the professional development of practitioners involved in some aspect of education.

**Entry requirements**

**Academic entry requirements**
- A completed recognised four-year honours Class IIA degree in education; or
- A masters degree in education or in a field relevant to the professional doctorate in education with a minimum GPA of 5.00 on QUT’s 7 point scale; and
- Two years’ practice in a position of professional responsibility in education or a closely related field.

**Minimum English requirements**
Students must meet the English proficiency requirements.

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**Course structure**

This course has an initial coursework component followed by a thesis. In January of your first semester, you attend a one-week, on-campus study school to complete the Interdisciplinary Education Studies unit.

Subsequent study schools, during which you work on the methodology and design of your thesis, are held on campus in the second and third semesters of your enrolment (in June/July and the following January).

**Maria Barrett**

**Real student**

‘My research relates to my job coordinating a STEM school outreach program for students from low socioeconomic status backgrounds. The research looks at the impact on the professional identity of the university students who deliver the workshops and presentations. I have developed an interest in issues such as student success, graduate attributes and employability and am acquiring the research, personal and practical skills required to make a difference in this growing area.’
Scholarships
You can apply for scholarships to help you with study and living costs.

- QUT Postgraduate Research Award (QUTPRA) (Domestic)
- Equity scholarships scheme
- QUT Women's Re-entry Scholarship (WRE)
- Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) Stipend (Domestic)
- Indigenous Postgraduate Research Award (IPRA)
- Jean Ferguson Memorial Award in Early Childhood Education