Doctor of Philosophy (Business) (IF49)

Year offered: 2010
Admissions: Yes
CRICOS code: 006367J
Course duration (full-time): 3 years (Minimum 24 months; Expected 36 months; Maximum 48 months)
Course duration (part-time): 6 years (Minimum 48 months; Expected 72 months; Maximum 96 months)
Domestic fees (indicative): Aust citizens or PRs will be awarded an RTS/RTA place or a QUT sponsorship for tuition fees. If you exceed the max time, you will be charged - 2010: $11,750 (indicative) per semester
International Fees (indicative): 2010: $11,750 (indicative) per semester
International Entry: At any time
Total credit points: 288
Standard credit points per full-time semester: 48
Standard credit points per part-time semester: 24
Course coordinator: Assistant Dean (Research)
Discipline coordinator: Accountancy - A/Prof Helen Irvine; Advertising - A/Prof Ian Lings; Economics and Finance - Prof Janice How; Marketing - A/Prof Ian Lings; Management - Dr Artemis Chang; Public Relations - A/Prof Ian Lings
Campus: Gardens Point

Why choose this course?
The PhD offers students the opportunity to demonstrate their erudition in a broad field of learning and to make an original and substantial contribution to knowledge in that field.

Entry requirements
The applicant's admission to the PhD program will depend on their academic aptitude, previous research experience and the availability of supervision, infrastructure and resources needed for their course of study.

Applicants would normally have:

- an Honours degree relevant to the applied-for discipline, at either First Class or Second Class Division A, incorporating a thesis of approximately 25,000 words; or
- a research master’s degree; or
- a coursework master’s degree, or a professional doctorate, containing a significant research thesis, normally no less than 33% of the total program, with a grade point average of at least 5.5 on a 7 point scale. The thesis should approximate 25,000 words in length; or
- an additional level of research experience deemed acceptable to the Faculty and approved by the QUT Research Degrees Committee, e.g. by the publication of articles in refereed research journals.

In addition, international students must meet English language proficiency requirements.

Location and duration
The PhD normally requires a minimum of three years of full-time study or its part-time equivalent. Study is normally undertaken at the Gardens Point campus but the University may approve study at an off-campus location (multi-modal study). Although QUT offers this flexibility, there will still be minimum attendance requirements and the University must be satisfied that adequate supervision and resources are available at the external location.

In general, the faculty does not support external PhD enrolment.

Course design
Candidates will be assessed on a program of supervised research and investigation that culminates in production of their thesis. The program normally includes assessed coursework that supports conduct of their research and preparation of their thesis. Candidates should have regular, face-to-face contact with their supervisor and participate in University scholarly activities such as research seminars, teaching and publication. The length of the thesis will vary according to the topic, but should normally be no longer than 100,000 words (excluding the bibliography).

Coursework requirement
All PhD students are required to enrol in IFN001 Advanced Information Retrieval Skills. For further information, please refer to Library.

In addition, it is normal for some prescribed coursework to be undertaken to assist in the preparation for the thesis. Generally, the subjects include qualitative methods, quantitative methods, and research methodology. Discipline-specific subjects may also be prescribed. Usually, the coursework is completed at the Gardens Point campus in Brisbane City.

External students
External students should submit the Memorandum of Understanding for external supervision and the Memorandum of Understanding for external organisation to the Research Students Centre for approval of external status. These forms can be accessed from the Research Students Centre website: www.rsc.qut.edu.au/

The Administration of Candidature
It is the responsibility of the candidate to comply with the regulations of governing candidature. Electronic copies of relevant documents can be found via the QUT Handbook or...
the Research Students Centre at the URL listed below. As it is charged with the responsibility of overseeing IF49, all changes to Candidature must be approved by the Research Degrees Committee. Forms to request changes can be found at: Research Students Centre

Full-time students
The standard number of credit points is 48. In any semester, a full-time student should not enrol in more or less than 48 credit points without first obtaining the approval of the Research Degrees Committee (use the Miscellaneous Submission form - available from: Research Students Centre).

At the end of each semester a grade of T - Assessment Continues will be awarded in any 'IFRXXX' units, provided satisfactory progress is being maintained. A final grade (S - Satisfactory or U - Unsatisfactory) will be awarded once the thesis has been examined according to the degree rules.

Part-time students
The standard number of credit points is 24. In any semester, a part-time student should not enrol in less than or more than 24 credit points without first obtaining the approval of the Research Degrees Committee (use the Miscellaneous Submission form - available from: Research Students Centre).

At the end of each semester a grade of T - Assessment Continues will be awarded in any 'IFRXXX' units, provided satisfactory progress is being maintained. A final grade (S - Satisfactory or U - Unsatisfactory) will be awarded once the thesis has been examined according to degree rules.

Concurrent enrolment
Students enrolled in IF49 are not permitted to enrol in any other tertiary degree without the specific approval of the Research Degrees Committee.

Abbreviation
PhD

Further information or assistance
Faculty of Business Research Support Office

Phone: +61 07 3138 1407
Fax: +61 07 3138 5250
Email: bus.research@qut.edu.au
Location: Level 7, Z Block (Gardens Point Campus)

Course structure
Full-time Structure

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Full-time structure, research + coursework

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Full-time structure, for students with extensions of time

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Part-time structure, research only

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Potential Careers:
Academic, Account Executive, Accountant, Actuary, Banker, Banking and Finance Professional, Business Analyst, Certified Practicing Accountant, Corporate Secretary, Diplomat, Economist, Financial Advisor/Analyst, Financial Project Manager, Funds Manager, Government Officer, Higher Education Worker, Human Resource Manager, Information Officer, International Business Specialist, Investment Manager, Manager, Marketing Officer/Manager,
Organisational Communication Specialist, Policy Officer, Risk Manager, Translator.

UNIT SYNOPSES

IFR100 FULL-TIME MASTERS RESEARCH
Credit points: 48

IFR101 FULL-TIME DOCTORAL RESEARCH (EXTENSION)
Credit points: 48

IFR200 PART-TIME DOCTORAL RESEARCH
Credit points: 24

IFR201 PART-TIME DOCTORAL RESEARCH (EXTENSION)
Credit points: 24

IFR300 DOCTORAL RESEARCH
Credit points: 36

IFR301 DOCTORAL RESEARCH
Credit points: 24

IFR302 DOCTORAL RESEARCH
Credit points: 12

IFR303 DOCTORAL RESEARCH
Credit points: 8