A PhD challenges candidates to make a significant and original contribution to knowledge in the field by developing new ideas, or new ways of approaching existing problems. Working with an experienced supervisory team, candidates develop new theories, methodologies and models that may shape the future of the profession or discipline. A PhD candidate’s research must reveal high critical ability and powers of imagination and synthesis, and may be demonstrated in the form of new knowledge or significant or original adaptation, application and interpretation of existing knowledge.

The supervisory team will provide advice and direction to the candidate to encourage their participation in university scholarly activities such as research seminars, teaching and publication.

Entry requirements
Academic entry requirements
You must have either:
- a completed recognised relevant honours degree (first class or second class Division A) or equivalent
- a completed recognised masters degree or professional doctorate (by research or coursework)

Admission to the Doctor of Philosophy depends on an applicant’s demonstrated research aptitude and the availability of supervision, infrastructure and resources needed for the proposed research project.

For more information on eligibility, read the admission criteria for the Doctor of Philosophy (PDF, 98.5KB).

Once you’ve started your PhD, you’ll need to complete your Stage 2 milestone to be fully admitted to your course. You’ll usually complete this milestone within the first three months of study.

Masters and professional doctorate degrees by coursework must have a significant research component, normally not less than 25%. Holders of masters and professional doctorate by coursework must:
- have a minimum grade point average (GPA) score of 5.0 on QUT’s 7 point scale;

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Doctor of Philosophy (Hosted by Faculty of Health)

Course structure
Mandatory:
- time based thesis
- IFN001 Advanced Information Research Skills.

Other units as agreed by student in negotiation with their supervisor and faculty.

Study areas
Doctoral studies may be completed in any area of research supported by the Faculty of Health.

Health research at QUT is focused on those areas that impact significantly on the health of individuals and communities. We have a student research topic database to help you search for research projects and supervisors in your area of interest. See our current student topics.

Key areas of research strength include:

Injury prevention and trauma management
- injury prevention
- orthopaedics, trauma and emergency
- tissue repair and regeneration.

Health determinants and health systems
- behavioural neuroscience and mental health
- child and adolescent health
- environmental health
- health services
- healthy lifestyles.

Chronic disease and ageing
- cancer and molecular medicine
- chronic conditions and management
- infectious diseases
- healthy ageing, dementia and palliative care
- vision and eye.

Fees
If you're an Australian citizen or permanent visa holder, or a New Zealand citizen, your tuition fees are normally covered by the Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) Fees Offset (Domestic), as long as you complete your degree within the program's set timeframes. You'll have to pay tuition fees if you exceed the time limits under the RTP.

Find out more about the Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) and financial support.

This information has been prepared for Australian and New Zealand citizens and those with Australian permanent resident status. Some courses are not open to international students, and entry requirements and fee information may be different. For more information and to check if a course is available, international students should visit www.qut.edu.au/international. Last updated on: 17/12/2019. Information contained in this document was correct at the time of printing. The university reserves the right to amend any information, and to cancel, change or relocate any course. CRICOS No.00213J