

PhD Admission

Academic Qualifications of the Applicant

An applicant for admission to candidature for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy shall hold:

- a. a masters (honours) degree; or b) a bachelors degree with honours class 1 or bachelors degree with honours class 2 division 1; or
- b. qualifications from a university or other tertiary institution deemed by the College Research and Higher Degrees Committee to be equivalent to the requirements set out above.

In exceptional circumstances a College Research and Higher Degrees Committee may recommend to the Executive Dean of the College that an applicant be admitted who does not have the qualifications specified in clause 4. In such cases the College Research and Higher Degrees Committee will consider evidence to be supplied by the candidate and verified by the Head of School/Research Centre Director and/or the ADR that the applicant has equivalent qualifications based on academic and professional attainment and demonstration in an appropriate discipline of a capacity for the research. Evidence should demonstrate the applicants understanding of and skill in the use of a suitable research methodology and ability to undertake academic writing. The College Research and Higher Degrees Committee will recommend to the Executive Dean that admission is permitted on the basis of equivalent capacity.

An applicant may be given entry to a doctoral program on the basis of an approved application to upgrade from a research masters degree. See: [Research Masters \(Honours\) Policy](#)

An applicant who does not meet the admission criteria described above may be required to successfully undertake a Graduate Certificate in Research Studies and/or or other nominated UWS accredited units, as part of their PhD program but these must be satisfactorily completed before Confirmation of Candidature. A student who does not satisfactorily complete the units within the time frame prescribed for confirmation of candidature will normally not be permitted to continue enrolment.

Professional Doctorate Admission

Academic Qualifications of the Applicant

An applicant for admission to candidature for the degree of Professional Doctorate shall hold:

- a. a masters (honours) degree; or b) a bachelors degree with honours class 1 or bachelors degree with honours class 2 division 1; or
- b) qualifications from a university or other tertiary institution deemed by the College Research and Higher Degrees Committee to be equivalent to the requirements set out above.

Some Professional Doctorates may require applicants to hold substantial professional experience and / or meet professional accreditation requirements. Refer to named policies for further information.

In exceptional circumstances a College Research and Higher Degrees Committee may recommend to the Executive Dean that an applicant be admitted who does not have the qualifications specified in clause 5. In such cases the College Research and Higher Degrees Committee will consider evidence to be supplied by the candidate and verified by the Head of School/Research Centre Director and/or the ADR that the applicant has equivalent qualifications based on academic and professional attainment and demonstration in an appropriate discipline of a capacity for the research. Evidence should demonstrate the applicants understanding of and skill in the use of a suitable research methodology and ability to undertake academic writing. The College Research and Higher Degrees Committee will recommend to the Executive Dean that admission is permitted on the basis of equivalent capacity.

An applicant who does not meet the admission criteria described above may be required to successfully undertake a Graduate Certificate in Research Studies and/or other nominated UWS accredited units, as part of their PhD program but these must be satisfactorily completed before Confirmation of Candidature. A student who does not satisfactorily complete the units within the time frame prescribed for confirmation of candidature will normally not be permitted to continue enrolment.

Research Masters Admission

Academic Qualifications of the Applicant

An applicant for admission to candidature for the degree of Research Masters (Honours) shall hold:

- a. a bachelors honours degree; or
- b. a bachelors degree and demonstration in an appropriate discipline or disciplines of a capacity of research deemed by the College Executive Dean, or delegate, to be equivalent to the requirements set out above; or
- c. qualifications from a university or other tertiary institution deemed by the College Research and Higher Degrees Committee to be equivalent to the requirements set out above.

An applicant who does not meet the admission criteria described above may be required to successfully undertake a Graduate Certificate in Research Studies and/or other nominated UWS accredited units, as part of their PhD program but these must be satisfactorily completed before Confirmation of Candidature. A student who does not satisfactorily complete the units within the time frame prescribed for confirmation of candidature will normally not be permitted to continue enrolment.

In some cases where the College Executive Dean, or delegate, determines, the candidate may be required to undertake nominated UWS accredited units as part of the Masters (Hons) program and in such cases the units must be satisfactorily completed before Confirmation of Candidature.