

# COTUTELLE AND JOINT PHD



University of  
**Southern  
Queensland**  
Australia

*Our thinking works.*



# WELCOME TO UniSQ

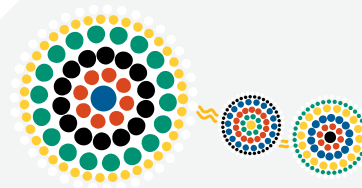
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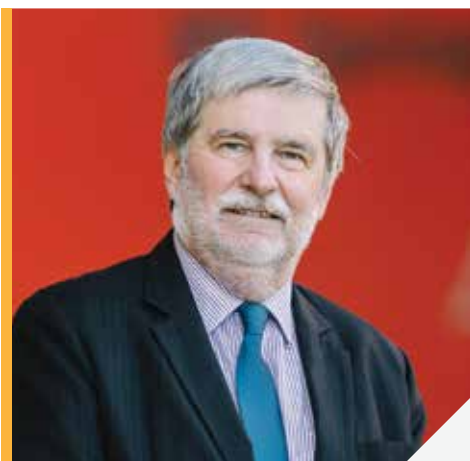


## FROM PROFESSOR GERALDINE MACKENZIE, VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT

The University of Southern Queensland has a proud tradition of engaging with its students to provide a meaningful and transformative educational experience. We are a safe and welcoming community, and we deliver high quality education through flexible and supportive learning environments. Our excellence in teaching and research are rated internationally and we are pleased that graduates of the University of Southern Queensland consistently rank as the highest paid graduates of any Australian university. The University has a bright future and we are continually innovating and advancing our academic programs to ensure the best experiences for our students.

The University of Southern Queensland acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands and waterways where the University is located. Further, we acknowledge the cultural diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and pay respect to Elders past, present and future.





**FROM PROFESSOR JOHN BELL,  
DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR  
(RESEARCH AND INNOVATION)**

At the University of Southern Queensland, we are committed to providing high-quality supervision, embedding students in our research active teams, fostering a culture of innovation and providing dynamic research experiences for our future leaders. UniSQ plays a pivotal role in the economic, social and cultural development of the regional communities that it serves. UniSQ's world-class research institutes, centres and faculties are home to unique state-of-the-art facilities enabling our researchers and our students to deliver. I encourage you to explore UniSQ's Higher Degree by Research programs and join us in making a difference.



**FROM PROFESSOR REN YI,  
PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR  
(INTERNATIONAL)**

As the PVC International I lead UniSQ's International strategy, driving our University to excel in the delivery of international education, and placing international students at the centre of our diverse Australian community. Our University provides students from around the world with an opportunity to achieve in their international educational journey here in Australia. We will help inspire you to engage and succeed in your studies and go on to achieve amazing outcomes in your future endeavours. Build your capabilities and capacity at a THE World Top 500 ranked university, and a QS 5 Star university while you discover new friends and create amazing memories in Australia. My team and I look forward to supporting your educational journey with the University of Southern Queensland.

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# ABOUT UniSQ



University of Southern Queensland (UniSQ) is a research-intensive regional university that provides high-quality flexible degree programs.

Our students form a vibrant international community, benefiting from on-campus studies, delivered across three campuses in Queensland, Australia, flexible online options and through trusted national and international partners.

Ranked in the top 2% of universities worldwide<sup>1</sup>, we are a QS 5 Star rated university<sup>2</sup>, and our graduates consistently rank highest in Australia for graduate employment and graduate salaries<sup>3</sup>.

*We continue to attract the best and brightest minds to UniSQ and invest in state-of-the-art facilities and technology, to be well-positioned in supporting industry and driving innovation for the nation.*

*Professor Geraldine Mackenzie (UniSQ Vice-Chancellor)*

1 - Times Higher Education, 2021  
2 - QS Stars Rating System, 2021  
3 - Good Universities Guide, 2022

# UniSQ'S STRATEGIC PLAN (2021 - 2025)

The University of Southern Queensland is driven to build opportunities, and lead economic and social development through flexible and innovative higher education and research excellence delivering outcomes that benefit local, national and international communities. As a world top 500 university, we are recognised for the strength in our flagship areas of agriculture, health, materials engineering, space and defence and regional development. In all fields of endeavour, UniSQ strives to empower students to become global citizens creating and sharing knowledge, transforming lives and solving the problems that matter to our world.

CREATE **VIBRANT**  
HUBS OF **EDUCATION**  
AND **RESEARCH**



BUILD A **BETTER**  
FUTURE WITH  
OUR **COMMUNITY**



BE **INNOVATIVE**,  
ENGAGE AND  
**FORWARD THINKING**



TRANSLATE IDEAS  
AND **KNOWLEDGE**  
INTO **OPPORTUNITIES**



## VISION

Building on our strengths as Australia's leading regional university, UniSQ will achieve its vision by creating and sharing knowledge, transforming lives, and solving the problems that matter to our world.

# UniSQ HIGHLIGHTS



RANKED IN THE  
**TOP 500**  
UNIVERSITIES  
WORLDWIDE<sup>1</sup>



RANKED 601-700  
IN THE ACADEMIC  
RANKING OF WORLD  
UNIVERSITIES<sup>2</sup>



AWARDED  
**QS 5 STARS**  
OVERALL<sup>3</sup>



**59.4%** OF UniSQ'S  
SCHOLARLY OUTPUT IS  
**INTERNATIONAL  
COLLABORATION<sup>4</sup>**



HOME TO MOUNT  
KENT ASTRONOMICAL  
OBSERVATORY THE ONLY  
TEACHING AND RESEARCH  
OBSERVATORY IN THE  
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE  
SUPPORTING NASA'S  
TESS MISSION



ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S  
LARGEST DEDICATED  
COMPOSITE MATERIALS  
MANUFACTURING AND  
TESTING FACILITIES



UNIQUE AGRICULTURAL  
SCIENCE AND  
ENGINEERING PRECINCT  
DELIVERING CROP  
PRODUCTION AND  
BIOTECHNOLOGY  
RESEARCH



ONE OF ONLY TWO  
UNIVERSITIES IN THE  
WORLD RECOGNIZED BY  
THE UNITED NATIONS  
**INTEGRATED DROUGHT  
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**  
FOR RENOWNED  
CLIMATE RESEARCH

1 - Times Higher Education World Ranking, 2021  
2 - ShanghaiRanking Academic Ranking of World Universities, 2021  
3 - QS Stars Rating System, 2021  
4 - Scival, 2016-2021

# GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

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UniSQ's research is a catalyst for industry growth, and community prosperity and wellbeing through focused, high-quality research and research training.

UniSQ has an extensive global partnership network with distinguished and respected education institutions to support joint research, learning and teaching. We have more than 100 partner institutions located in over 30 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, Oceania and Latin America.



## NORTH AMERICA

Canada and  
United States.

## LATIN AMERICA

Argentina, Brazil, Chile,  
Colombia, Mexico, and Peru.





UniSQ is the leading **Australian Regional University.**

## EUROPE

Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Switzerland and United Kingdom.

## ASIA

Greater China (Mainland China, and Taiwan), India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Russia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

## AFRICA

Mauritius, Morocco and South Africa.

## OCEANIA

Australia, Fiji, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea.

# RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

The Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) framework identifies and promotes excellence across the full spectrum of research activities in Australia's higher education institutions. UniSQ has been recognised and rated as world standard or better in 30 areas of research.

The 18 research fields receiving the ultimate accolade of 'well above world standard' are:

- Agriculture, Land and Farm Management
- Astronomical and Space Sciences
- Chemical Sciences
- Clinical Sciences
- Crop and Pasture Production
- Environmental Science and Management
- Human Movement and Sports Science
- Inorganic Chemistry
- Macromolecular and Materials Chemistry
- Materials Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Medical and Health Sciences
- Microbiology
- Numerical and Computational Mathematics
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Physical Sciences
- Psychology
- Public Health and Health Services.





# RESEARCH FLAGSHIPS

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UniSQ researchers are working directly with local communities, industry, and our international partners to form strong and enduring partnerships that deliver tangible benefits and real impact. The University's flagship research areas are:

- **Space Sciences**, Astrophysics, Hypersonics, and Materials Engineering
- **Agriculture**, Climate Science, Drought Mitigation and Adaptation, Crop Health, Agricultural Technology and Environmental Science
- **Health**, Sport and Exercise Science, Mental Health and Allied Health
- **Regional Development**, Agribusiness, Economic Development, Cultural Heritage.

*In field of Composite Materials, we name UniSQ as Australia's top research institution, with most citations in the top 20 journals in the field in the last five years.*

*The Australian 2020*



## SPACE SCIENCES

UniSQ's Centre for Astrophysics (CA) is advancing our understanding of the shared evolution of stars and their planetary systems, and the implications for planetary habitability. Through the Centre, UniSQ operates the Mount Kent Astronomical Observatory, Queensland's only professional research and teaching observatory in astronomical and space sciences. CA's areas of research strength include Stellar Astrophysics, Exoplanetary Science, Astronomical Instrumentation, and Computational Astrophysics.

Mount Kent Observatory studies stellar activity by imaging stars and their magnetic fields using spectra observed in polarised light. The world-class facility discovers, monitors, characterises, and models exoplanets orbiting stars other than

the Sun. Through Mount Kent Observatory, UniSQ collaborates on major national and international stellar surveys, instrument development, space debris and meteor tracking, and space telescope missions.

UniSQ has also established MINERVA-Australis; an innovative array of 0.7m CDK700 telescopes that can observe multiple targets at once, providing NASA's Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) with the ground-based follow-up radial velocity spectroscopy required to confirm and characterise these worlds. UniSQ's MINERVA-Australis is therefore a vital piece of the puzzle – without it many of the TESS finds would remain unconfirmed and uncharacterised.

## MATERIALS ENGINEERING

UniSQ's Centre for Future Materials (CFM) conducts pioneering research and development in engineered fibre composites, advanced composite manufacturing, civil composites, smart materials, and geopolymer and concrete. Researchers at CFM have many long-standing partnerships with industry that drive growth and innovation. For example, for the past 20 years, CFM has dedicated significant research to developing innovative sleeper and transom technologies for the Australian railway network.

CFM is designing and manufacturing revolutionary fibre polymer composite transoms that will provide a cost-effective, robust, and sustainable solution to replace traditional timber sleepers. This innovative technology will deliver significant savings for Australia, which has the sixth largest rail network in the world and is due to replace nearly 90% of its existing transoms in the next 10 years.

CFM investigates methods to reduce the amount of waste going into landfill by utilising waste products in new materials for construction and other manufacturing sectors. Concrete is one of the most widely used construction materials worldwide, but has a heavy environmental footprint. UniSQ researchers are focusing on the development of 'green' geopolymer and permeable concrete by utilizing high volume coal waste streams such as fly ash, as a sustainable replacement for traditional concrete. Geopolymer has the same long-term performance as Portland cement, but with far less environmental impact.

CFM researchers have developed a Reactivity Index to evaluate the suitability of raw materials, so that there is an opportunity to convert this high-volume industrial waste into a more sustainable concrete.



*Materials Engineering and  
Engineering Technology*



*Agriculture and  
Agribusiness*



*Environmental  
Sciences*

## AGRICULTURE

UniSQ's research is strengthening agricultural productivity and addressing environmental management challenges in Australia and overseas.

We work closely with industry to accelerate access to smarter, technology-based ways of increasing productivity, reducing costs and maximising the efficient use of available resources.

### CLIMATE SCIENCE RESEARCH

UniSQ's Centre for Applied Climate Sciences (CACS) is a national and international leader in the provision of climate science research and development.

CACS researchers are heavily engaged in major international drought and agricultural climate research and management programs within the United Nations' World Meteorological Organisation and the associated Drought Management Program.

CACS is home to the Queensland Drought Mitigation Centre, which is a collaboration of national and international climate modelling expertise. The centre is one of the world's leading research centres for drought, including climate factors, policy and associated economic systems.

### AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

UniSQ is leading innovator in agricultural research, working together with industry and global machinery manufacturers to develop new technologies.

UniSQ has a long-standing partnership with agricultural machinery giant John Deere; the focus of this collaboration is to develop the next generation of technology, including innovative driverless tractor technology that will be adopted by the farm of the future.

The Centre for Agricultural Engineering's (CAE) research also extends to the agricultural application of sensor, robotic and computing technologies, including a drone program that has taken flight with several industry collaborators.

Machine vision technologies developed at UniSQ enable farmers to identify unhealthy crop areas and through a different view of their paddocks with diagnostics that detect at an early stage where problems exist.

The commercialisation of weed sensing technology can distinguish weeds from crop and operate at speeds of up to 20km/h and apply 80% less herbicide.



## HEALTH

UniSQ has an established reputation in the delivery of teaching in nursing and allied health disciplines and has a demonstrated track record of research excellence in Behavioural Sciences, and Regional Health and Wellbeing.

Much of UniSQ's health research is concentrated within the dedicated Centre for Health Research (CHR).

UniSQ researchers are collaborating with health care providers to deliver targeted tools that will improve responses to time-critical emergencies.

Health services receive a large number of mental health service requests, but unfortunately about one-third of calls that are made to emergency helplines are hoax calls which waste valuable resources and place lives at risk.

While there are many distress screening tools available, none of them provide an immediate alert which may save lives in emergency situations.

UniSQ researchers have developed a distress inference system that uses artificial intelligence algorithms to automatically determine distress levels in people's voices and identify hoax calls, so that call handlers and clinicians can prioritize service to callers who are most at risk.

Cancer is one of the leading causes of death in Australia, and patients living in regional and rural parts of Australia experience poorer outcomes than those living in the city.

UniSQ researchers are working on several joint initiatives with partners including Cancer Council Queensland and Prostate Cancer Foundation Australia to improve cancer survivorship and quality of life for regional patients.

Researchers are investigating and addressing the socio-cultural, behavioural, psychological and health-system factors the lead to the disparity in health outcomes in with the aim of changing health policy and increasing investment in post-treatment options in regional areas.



## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

UniSQ conducts multi-disciplinary collaborative research with industry, community and government in a broad range of settings to address complex issues, challenges and opportunities in regional communities.

UniSQ researchers are bringing to life the stories of Aboriginal women who trained as nurses or midwives from the 1890s – 1950s, countering existing assumptions that First Nations women could not access education and employment.

The project will celebrate Aboriginal women's contributions to the nursing and midwifery professions as an intercept to historical discourses that have rendered these ethnographies invisible.

First Nations women are acknowledged as active providers of care, not just passive recipients of care.

These stories are timely given the current global pandemic and the spotlight being shined on the frontline service provision by nurses in keeping our nation healthy.

Insights generated from the project lay a solid foundation for Aboriginal people to build pride, through new cultural knowledge that positively impacts social and emotional well-being.



*Regional Community and  
Economic Development*



# RESEARCH INSTITUTES AND CENTRES

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UniSQ has three research institutes and nine research centres which focus on issues such as agricultural technology, rural health, environmental management, biotechnology, education leadership, web-based services, and fibre composite materials. Based on competitive grants won and industry funded research collaborations.



**INSTITUTE  
OF RESILIENT  
REGIONS**



**INSTITUTE  
FOR ADVANCE  
ENGINEERING  
AND SPACE  
SCIENCES**



**INSTITUTE FOR  
LIFE SCIENCES  
AND THE  
ENVIRONMENT**

Research at **UniSQ is innovative**, responsive and intrinsically linked to the communities we serve. Our track record of targeted impact is made possible by our **dedicated research institutes and centres**.

# INSTITUTE OF RESILIENT REGIONS

The Institute for Resilient Regions conducts research that enables rural, remote, and regional communities to be resilient and adaptive, liveable and prosperous, healthy and active, and connected and collaborative.

## CENTRE FOR HEALTH RESEARCH

The Centre for Health Research (CHR) is a multi-disciplinary centre committed to research advancing understanding of issues of greatest potential benefit to the health and welfare of our community.

Through focused research teams, CHR tackles health behaviours, influences, and outcomes associated with the key communicable and non-communicable diseases of our time. The Centre has expertise on behaviour change, chronic disease, ageing, and inequity.

## RURAL ECONOMICS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

The Rural Economies Centre of Excellence (RECoE) is a first-of-its-kind rural economic research collaboration which aims to achieve

positive impact in rural community development, deepening and diversifying regional economies, and informing government policy to achieve a thriving and internationally competitive rural economy.

## CENTRE FOR HERITAGE AND CULTURE

The Centre for Heritage and Culture (CHC) works in partnership with communities to uncover, analyse and reinterpret the stories and experiences of regional Australia.

Our distinct research in archaeology, history and heritage studies seeks to understand past societies and cultures and their significance in the present. Aligned research in cultural studies, literature, law and creative arts pursue and deepen our knowledge of contemporary regional communities.



*Research Centres  
& Institutes*

## **INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCE ENGINEERING AND SPACE SCIENCES**

The Institute for Advanced Engineering and Space Sciences provides a dedicated facility with a focus on hypersonic propulsion systems, astrophysics, machine learning vision and advanced materials.

### **CENTRE FOR FUTURE MATERIALS**

The Centre for Future Materials (CFM) has gained a reputation for pioneering research and development in engineered fibre composites. The Centre prioritises research and development in advanced composite manufacturing, functional materials, civil composites, and geopolymer and concrete.

### **CENTRE FOR ASTROPHYSICS**

The Centre for Astrophysics (CA) delivers internationally-cited astronomical and space sciences research with the highest possible rating of “well above world standard” in the Australian Research Council’s Excellence in Research for Australia framework. Staff and students collaborate with researchers at leading

international institutions in the USA, Europe, and Asia to discover and characterise the many new worlds orbiting stars other than the Sun, and study the shared evolution of stars and their planetary systems and the implications for planetary habitability.

### **CENTRE FOR AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING**

The Centre for Agricultural Engineering (CAE), was established in 1994 to specialise in developing solutions for a sustainable and profitable rural sector. CAE is focused on delivering applied, practical and profitable research solutions that strengthen agricultural productivity and address environmental management challenges in Australia and overseas.

# INSTITUTE FOR LIFE SCIENCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The Institute for Life Sciences and the Environment provides a focus for researchers in agriculture, crop health, natural resource management, environment, and climate sciences.

## CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS

The Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Systems (CSAS) conducts research and engagement that enhances the management of agricultural enterprises as complex and embedded systems, maximising production and conservation outcomes.

## CENTRE FOR APPLIED CLIMATE SCIENCES

The Centre for Applied Climate Sciences (CACS) is a leader in the provision of climate science research and development from sub-seasonal to seasonal scales and in climate change research, relevant for industry and government, internationally and throughout Queensland and Australia.

Research includes practical aspects related to climate finance, in particular climate risk-related insurance and reinsurance, agricultural and water

resource applications, and in disaster risk reduction.

## CENTRE FOR CROP HEALTH

The mission of the Centre for Crop Health (CCH) is to deliver remarkable research ensuring healthy crops for improved food security and on-farm profitability.

The Centre leads research focused on the sustainable management of diseases in summer and winter cropping systems in Australia. It has the second largest group of plant pathologists in Australia.

Researchers are nationally and internationally recognised for their expertise in the selection of resistant and tolerant germplasm, epidemiology, cutting-edge crop disease diagnostics, biosecurity research, biological control and genetics and genomics of both crops and their pathogens.



# INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS

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We are committed to providing high-quality research outcomes and creating impactful solutions to the global issues. We focus on improving regional cancer survival to forging ahead in agricultural automation with driverless tractors and pioneering the future of space exploration and playing a pivotal role in the hunt for new planets. Our researchers collaborate with local communities and international partners and are proud to work directly with industry leaders to drive research in real-world environments.

Our wide range of research partners around the world, include:

- Astronomy Australia Ltd
- Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)
- Blue Skies Space Ltd (UK)
- Carlsberg Foundation (Denmark)
- Carnegie Institution of Washington
- CLAAAS Group
- DLR German Aerospace Centre
- European Southern Observatory
- European Space Agency
- Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics
- International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT)
- International Climate Initiative (IKI)
- International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)
- John Deere
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- NASA Exoplanet Science Institute
- Netzsch
- University College London
- University of Louisville (Shared Skies Partnership)
- Wagners, and more.

*Benefit from our **strong global partnerships** and industry connections*

# COTUTELLE AND JOINT PHD PROGRAMS

The Cotutelle and Joint PhD programs are tailored doctoral studies developed jointly between two universities. Both programs offer PhD students the opportunity to complete their studies at UniSQ and at a partner university. You can also undertake the Cotutelle PhD program online\*.

We offer flexible learning options, so you can get your UniSQ qualification from anywhere in the world.



COTUTELLE	JOINT PHD
Joint enrolment at UniSQ and a partner university	Joint enrolment at UniSQ and a partner university
Separate progress assessments	One university is designated as the lead
Single thesis submitted to both universities	Single thesis submitted to the lead university
Separate examination	Joint examination
Two testamurs	One joint testamur
Two graduation ceremonies	One graduation ceremony

\* Selected research areas available online

## COTUTELLE PHD PROGRAM

A Cotutelle PhD program refers to a doctoral degree program that is undertaken jointly at UniSQ and an international higher education institution. The candidature is divided between UniSQ and the partner institution, spending a minimum of 12 months at each institution. Students (domestic or international) are:

- admitted and enrolled/registered at both institutions
- supervised jointly by academics from both institutions
- awarded two degrees, one from each institution, upon successful completion.

## SUPERVISION ARRANGEMENT

A team of supervisors from both institutions will jointly supervise the student throughout their program. The supervisory team will host meetings and regularly communicate with the student to ensure that they remain engaged. Wherever the student is located, there will be supervisory and skills development support readily available.

*Cotutelle and  
Joint PhD*







## BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

The Cotutelle PhD program allows students to complete a joint doctorate at two universities in two different countries. Cotutelle PhD students will get support from two research and academic communities and will have the opportunity to explore different scientific approaches and perspectives.

Students can also:

- have access to new funding schemes
- receive an internationally recognised degree
- have exposure to different academic environments
- develop cross-cultural fluency
- benefit from the diversity of two unique programs
- receive two PhD testamurs
- have greater opportunities for international collaboration during and beyond the program.

## BENEFITS FOR SUPERVISORS AND INSTITUTIONS

The aim of the Cotutelle PhD program is to promote and increase research collaborations with international universities through joint PhD supervision. These collaborations provide an opportunity to increase joint publications, citation rates and rankings, enabling researchers and institutions to expand their networks nationally and internationally.

*UniSQ continues to build a culture of excellence, engaging researchers, communities and industry stakeholders to produce world-changing research and renowned entrepreneurs and innovators.*

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### UniSQ SCHOLARSHIPS\*

Cotutelle PhD students may be eligible for:

- funding for tuition fees for up to three years (for both online and on-campus programs)
- a return airfare between UniSQ and the partner institution
- a living allowance while studying on-campus at UniSQ.



### EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

There are a number of external scholarship programs available to fund international PhD studies, students are encouraged to explore funding schemes within their home countries and other international agencies.



# HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH (HDR) PROGRAM

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) enables you to undertake research that makes a significant contribution to new knowledge within a particular field. The PhD degree is available in all study areas and provides you with the skills to become an effective researcher in your previously studied discipline. By undertaking a PhD, you will contribute to advancements in your chosen field and form part of a world-class research team.



*Higher Degree  
by Research*

## ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have one of the following:

- An Australian university **Bachelor honours degree** with **First Class Honours** or **Second Class Honours (Division A)** or **equivalent**, or
- An Australian university **Masters degree (with a significant research component)** or **equivalent**, or
- **Other qualifications** and/or experiences equivalent to **First Class** or **Second Class Honours (Division A)**.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

You are required to satisfy the applicable English language requirements and this degree requires a minimum of **IELTS 6.5** or equivalent.



# HOW TO APPLY

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Join UniSQ's world-leading researchers who help create world-changing results. Our Cotutelle PhD program opens doors to research candidates and supervisors, offering joint supervision and dual PhD awards.

All candidates must meet the entry requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy at UniSQ and partner institution.



# COTUTELLE APPLICATION



## STEP 1: IDENTIFY YOUR RESEARCH THESIS TOPIC AND FUNDING

- Clarify your research thesis topic and direction. You can also consider a range of Research Thesis opportunities available at UniSQ: [fyrt.usq.edu.au](http://fyrt.usq.edu.au)
- Check entry requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy.
- Explore what research scholarships are available at UniSQ, or at partner university, or Funding Agencies.



## STEP 2: FIND AND CONNECT WITH A UniSQ RESEARCH SUPERVISOR

- Find a supervisor at UniSQ: [expertfinder.usq.edu.au](http://expertfinder.usq.edu.au)
- Discuss your research topic with your potential UniSQ supervisor and supervisor at home institution, and identify your program funding options (self-funding or via a scholarship program).
- If you have not started your PhD program, you will also need to identify a supervisor at the other institution.



## STEP 3: SUBMIT YOUR NOTICE OF INTENT FORM

- Complete a Cotutelle/Joint PhD Program (NOI) form with your UniSQ supervisor in consultation with supervisor at home institution.
- Submit an endorsed copy to [hdrinternational@usq.edu.au](mailto:hdrinternational@usq.edu.au)



## STEP 4: COMPLETE AND SUBMIT YOUR ADMISSION APPLICATION FORM

- Submit your admission application and supporting documents through our online system: [omega.usq.edu.au](http://omega.usq.edu.au)
- Make sure that you include the NOI form.

# UniSQ CAMPUSES



## UniSQ TOOWOOMBA

Toowoomba is a welcoming and thriving regional centre with a diverse economy, lower cost of living, and offering the best of urban and regional environments. Toowoomba is Australia's second most populated inland city and is located just 90 minutes from Brisbane and just over two hours from the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast.

UniSQ Toowoomba is equipped with a wide range of cutting-edge teaching and research facilities with engaging student support services, including an award-winning library; sports and recreational facilities; 24/7 computer labs; wireless internet throughout the campus; a bank and post office; a health centre; Japanese and native botanic gardens; an art gallery and theatre; on-campus accommodation and other recreational opportunities.



## UniSQ SPRINGFIELD

Springfield is located approximately 35 minutes from Brisbane city and is an hour to the Gold Coast. With a population of over 26,000, Springfield is one of the most dynamic urban growth areas in Queensland. UniSQ Springfield provides a student-focused educational environment with the latest in program delivery and technology. With high-quality facilities such as a digital production and performance hub and world-class Boeing 737-800 flight simulator facility, we also have close industry ties to link students with work experience opportunities. Our Springfield campus promotes a culture of supporting the needs of each student and working with them to achieve their goals.



## UniSQ IPSWICH

Ipswich is located in South East Queensland, 45 minutes to Brisbane city, just over one hour to the Gold Coast, and it is connected by public transport to domestic and international airports. The city combines heritage charm with the benefits of a modern, exciting metropolitan lifestyle. It's Queensland's fastest growing city, and also home to the youngest demographic in south-east Queensland. Ipswich is a diverse and multicultural city, with residents from over 115 different cultural backgrounds. Home to UniSQ's School of Health and Wellbeing, UniSQ Ipswich includes custom-built paramedical training facilities and new clinical nursing laboratories, sports fields, a café and a gym. UniSQ has been part of the Ipswich community since 2006, and we now have over 1000 students on campus currently studying Human Services, Nursing, Midwifery, Paramedicine, Psychology, Sport and Exercise and Law & Criminology.



## ONLINE STUDY

We are Queensland's online learning expert. For over 40 years, we've been delivering the highest quality degrees to thousands of students online. We are renowned for our digital learning student experience, with over 100 degrees available, students have the opportunity to utilise flexible digital learning experiences to choose where, when and how they study.

*UniSQ has a **very strong research environment**, with advanced equipment, rich library resources, and top research teams.*

*Jason (Visiting scholar, China)*

Our thinking works.

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