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SCHOOL OF GRADUATE RESEARCH

OFFSHORE RESEARCH FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



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RESEARCH EXCELLENCE



WORLD CLASS RESEARCH

CQUniversity is rated as conducting world-class research in 22 different research categories, which includes the highest rating 'well above world standard' in Mathematical Sciences, Applied Mathematics, Horticultural Production, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Psychological and Cognitive Sciences and Other Psychology and Cognitive Sciences.*

ENGAGE

with regional, national and international research communities and 500+ research staff.

\$70+ MILLION

in competitive research income between 2010 – 2019.

*State of Australian University Research 2018-19: ERA National Report.

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PRODUCE SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL CHALLENGES

At CQUniversity Australia we are proud to be a leader for how universities engage and collaborate with communities and industry.

Our focus is on a quality experience and on genuine partnerships. True to our institutional values of diversity and inclusivity, as well as our commitment to research excellence, CQUniversity's School of Graduate Research is extending an opportunity to share in the benefits of an Australian research higher degree (RHD), through our offshore course offerings.

Australia is internationally recognised as a provider of world-class education, and CQUniversity has become one of the fastest growing universities in Australia, providing excellent and accessible opportunities for researchers to excel in areas of mutual interest.

Our commitment to learning and teaching, ground-breaking research, social innovation and international outlook have led CQUniversity to be ranked amongst the best in the world (QS World University Rankings 2021).



After completing her PhD studies, Dr Lily Ishak won a prestigious Australia Award Grant to lead a project educating Indonesian farmers to become more financially and environmentally sustainable. Dr Ishak has also been recognised as the 2019 Alumnus of the Year – Early Career Achievement for her contribution to research, education and innovative practical applications of environmental sustainability.

Dr Ishak has been instrumental in designing an oil press so Indonesian villagers can use fruit from wild beauty leaf trees to make their own biokerosene and biodiesel.

Her project encourages this practice to reduce dependency on fossil fuel energy while retaining plantings to reduce soil erosion from windstorms, improve degraded mined land, and address the threat of the tree's extinction through land clearing.

Dr Ishak has continued her engagement with CQUniversity, with her collaborative research contributing to international presentations in the horticultural field.

Dr Lily Ishak, PhD, Indonesia



COURSE OVERVIEW

Our offshore research higher degree (RHD) courses are available at two levels:

COURSE	Master by Research	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
COURSE CODE	CD85	CD86
DURATION	2 years full-time 4 years part-time	4 years full-time 6 years part-time
INTAKE	Anytime	Anytime
ESTIMATED TERM FEE	A\$10 483 – 11 956	A\$10 483 – 11 956
ESTIMATED ANNUAL FEE	A\$20 966 – 23 912	A\$20 966 – 23 912

These estimated fees represent approximately 25% reduction in course costs compared with our onshore RHD courses.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Candidates remain in their home country for most of the course, excepting two short-term visits to an agreed CQUniversity campus or other agreed location. These required visits are financially supported by the University (limits apply), and enable access to supervision, training events and laboratory/campus facilities, as relevant to the program of research and study.

Research candidates are expected to pursue independent research and study, under guidance from an appropriately qualified supervision team.

To support research and dissertation activities, candidates will be expected to participate in several embedded course elements, including coursework units and research-specific training events. These include preparing the candidate for the Confirmation of Candidature milestone, RHD Training intensives, and advanced research skills.

The final thesis examination is undertaken on a written thesis¹ in English by two international standard examiners.

1. Approx. 50 000 words for a masters degree and approx. 80 – 100 000 words for a doctoral degree.

SUPERVISION

Our School of Graduate Research can help connect you with potential supervisors from our areas of research strength.

The minimum supervision environment for all PhD candidates at CQUniversity is one principal and one associate supervisor, both being doctorally qualified and having relevant and recent research expertise for the topic being pursued.

Supervision meetings can occur by video conference means interspersed with face-to-face visits as appropriate to the nature of the project and location of the student.

CQUniversity RHD staff ensure research students receive high-quality support, including best practice for 'supervision at distance' arrangements. It is also preferable that the supervision team includes at least one member who is a local in-country supervisor, this arrangement can be negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

CUSTOMISED SUPPORT FOR GROUP ENROLMENTS

CQUniversity offers research training models that upskill groups of academic staff to obtain doctoral qualifications, inject research skills and capabilities, and/or offer training to select groups of business professionals.

These groups may benefit from a cohort approach, which makes it possible to offer tailored support to groups who commence and pursue their studies on the same timeline.

Group support may involve dedicated short-term workshops and/or training delivery in your home country, access to a local coordinator, pre-scheduling of on-shore research training, and more. The availability and cost of customised research training can be negotiated on a case-by-case basis depending on group size.

ASSISTANCE AND BENEFITS

CQUniversity offers a welcoming research community, with over 550 candidates studying research preparation, masters by research and doctoral degrees across Australia and the world, in a range of discipline areas.

Every offshore research higher degree candidate is eligible for direct funding support to underpin project activities, conference attendance and travel to CQUniversity Australian campus (as per the course requirements). Maximum levels of support in Australian dollars are as follows:

	PROJECT SUPPORT	CONFERENCE SUPPORT	VISITATION FUND
MASTERS OFFSHORE	\$1500	\$1500	\$4000
PHD OFFSHORE	\$2500	\$2000	\$6000

Project support is offered as assistance for meeting the direct costs of research, including laboratory, fieldwork and data collection costs, travel for supervision visits, open access publishing fees and other items.

Conference support is offered to active candidates who are presenting their work as a CQUniversity representative at an academic event.

Visitation funds are intended to facilitate a minimum of two visits to Australia (or other agreed location) to satisfy the academic requirements of the offshore degree. This may be timed to include attendance at a RHD Intensive training event.

In addition to direct funding support, CQUniversity offers generous assistance measures. Examples include:

- » a RHD Mentor, to assist with the transition into research studies.
- » a dedicated International Case Management Officer for additional support.
- » free career training programs, for example 'PhD2PostDoc', which provides training in research grant applications and employment options after graduation.
- » generous support and training in English for Research, including the opportunity to participate in structured classes as well as tailored one-on-one assistance.
- » free access to one-on-one statistical consultation (up to 5 hours per candidate).
- » RHD Deed of Assignment Legal Advice for the professional costs of independent legal advice.
- » publishing a profile page with project and career details on the CQUniversity website.



Dr Do Van Huong has been recognised for the impact he is having on the beef industry in both Australia and Vietnam, and was awarded CQUniversity's 2020 Alumnus of the Year – Early Career Achievement award for his contribution to research, education and innovative practical application of embryo transfer technologies.

Since completing his PhD studies in July 2018, Dr Van Huong has returned to Vietnam and is continuing his role with the National Institute of Animal Sciences, enabling him to contribute his ground-breaking knowledge to national policy development and research activity in Vietnam.

Additionally, he is working as Chief Science Officer for Genesis International Co Ltd – a collaboration between a Vietnamese state-owned-enterprise and a private enterprise that has invited Australian research collaborators to become involved.

Dr Van Huong is leading the development of a bovine IVF laboratory and has a key responsibility to train young employees in the field of bovine embryology.

Do Van Huong, PhD and Australia Awards Scholar, Vietnam



Raghavendra Vasudeva Upadhyaya's research focus is to sustainably rehabilitate the damaged concrete structures subjected to higher levels of destruction because of the natural calamities and reinforce them to gain their original building strength.

Scan the QR code to watch his story.

Raghavendra Vasudeva Upadhyaya, PhD Candidate, India

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

CQUniversity research higher degrees are open for applications year-round and project work can commence at a mutually agreeable time.

We will consider applications for admission to candidature for RHD (Offshore) where you can clearly demonstrate relevant research skills (e.g. research writing, experimental design, data collection and/or analysis) as well as content expertise in your proposed field of study.

ACADEMIC

Master by Research (Offshore)

Successful completion of:

- an honours degree from any approved institution in a relevant discipline
- an undergraduate degree with a credit level Grade Point Average (GPA), preferably in a relevant discipline
- CQUniversity's **Graduate Certificate in Research** with a distinction average, or
- alternative qualification/s and/or experience deemed by the University to be of equivalent scope and standard to those listed above.

Doctor of Philosophy (Offshore)

Successful completion of:

- a masters degree either by research or with a substantial element (typically one-third) of research work within it, from a university or any other approved institution
- an undergraduate bachelor degree with first class or second class honours, in a relevant discipline
- an undergraduate bachelor degree in an appropriate discipline in addition to completion of CQUniversity's Graduate Certificate in Research with an average of distinction level of achievement, or
- alternative qualification/s and/or experience deemed by the University to be of equivalent scope and standard to those listed above.

In considering the above admissions criteria, CQUniversity will have regard to:

- » the recency of your formal qualifications and/or professional experience, and
- » relevant vocational training qualifications where these are shown to have relevant research or discipline-based content.

We may also seek additional information regarding relevant workplace experience, research publications or other items that can clearly demonstrate research and content-based expertise.

ENGLISH

English entry requirements can be met by showing an approved English language test, such as the IELTS or equivalent.

Minimum academic IELTS (or equivalent) of 6.5 with no individual band score of less than 6.0.

If you do not satisfy the entry requirements, you will need to undertake an English language proficiency test.

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CQUniversity also offer English language pathways to help you meet entry requirements.

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RESEARCH PREPARATORY COURSE

If you don't yet meet the admissions requirements for a RHD, or would like to hone your research and investigative skills prior to starting your RHD studies, our preparatory course can provide a pathway for you to reach your research goals.

COURSE	Graduate Certificate in Research
COURSE CODE	CL58
DURATION	0.5 years full-time, 2 years part-time
INTAKE	Anytime
ESTIMATED TERM FEE	A\$10 663
ESTIMATED ANNUAL FEE	A\$10 663

This preparatory course is tailored to your area/s of research interest, and can help you satisfy the admissions criteria for a RHD.



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