



# Applying for Postgraduate Research

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# How to apply for Postgraduate research in five steps

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## Find a research area

Before applying for a postgraduate research program, match your area of interest with those offered by our schools. A list of research areas can be found on the back page of this guide or at [degrees.science.unsw.edu.au/postgraduate-research/major](http://degrees.science.unsw.edu.au/postgraduate-research/major).

Each research program has specific entry and eligibility requirements. For more information:

- ▶ Doctor of Philosophy (PhD): [unsw.to/research-doctor-philosophy-phd](http://unsw.to/research-doctor-philosophy-phd)
- ▶ Masters by Research (MRes): [unsw.to/research-master-research](http://unsw.to/research-master-research)

Further information: UNSW Handbook, [www.handbook.unsw.edu.au/research/2017/](http://www.handbook.unsw.edu.au/research/2017/)

Enter current year in URL above.

## Find a supervisor

Before submitting an application, you must independently contact a UNSW researcher and secure their agreement to supervise your work. Proof of correspondence needs to be included in your application.

**If you're having difficulty finding a researcher, contact the school's postgraduate research coordinator (see back page of this guide).**

Search help: [unsw.to/researcher](http://unsw.to/researcher)

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## Develop a research proposal

Your proposal needs to be sufficiently detailed to enable the University to determine if it's possible to provide adequate supervision and resources to support your research.

More information: [unsw.to/research-proposal](http://unsw.to/research-proposal)

## Prepare supporting documentation

Required documents may include your supervisor's agreement, research proposal, resume, all transcripts (degree results) and English language test results. Documents must be in English or include a certified English translation.

More information: [unsw.to/research-documentation](http://unsw.to/research-documentation)

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## Submit your application online

Once you have secured a supervisor, developed a proposal and prepared supporting documents, you can lodge your application.

**International students need to apply for admission and scholarships at least six months before their planned starting semester.**

More information: [unsw.to/research-enrol](http://unsw.to/research-enrol)



Apply here: [apply.unsw.edu.au](http://apply.unsw.edu.au)

## Offers

If successful, you will be sent a full or conditional offer. Please read your offer letter carefully before accepting. You will then need to enrol for the correct semester and have your enrolment form approved by your school.

To accept your offer: [my.unsw.edu.au](http://my.unsw.edu.au)

## Fees and Cost

For the duration of the degree, international candidates are required to pay tuition fees. While domestic candidates are not required to pay tuition fees, some programs may include additional costs for laboratory kits and field trips.

More information: [unsw.to/research-fees](http://unsw.to/research-fees)

## Scholarships

Many scholarships are available for postgraduate research programs, from UNSW Australia, the Australian government, industry partners, and organisations from other countries.

More information: [unsw.to/research-scholarships](http://unsw.to/research-scholarships)

## English Requirements

All applicants must meet the UNSW English Language admission requirement.

More information: [unsw.to/research-english-policy](http://unsw.to/research-english-policy)

## Student Visa Information

Most international students require a student visa to study in Australia. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection is responsible for issuing student visas to Australia.

More information: [unsw.to/research-visas](http://unsw.to/research-visas)

## Accommodation

UNSW students have many options, from on and off campus university accommodation to private housing.

More information: [rc.unsw.edu.au](http://rc.unsw.edu.au)

## Transport and Facilities

The main UNSW campus is on 38 hectares in Kensington, which is close to Sydney's CBD and other major attractions. It has many shops and services, including cafes, banks, medical and dental centres, a bookshop, supermarket and post office.

More information: [student.unsw.edu.au/facilities](http://student.unsw.edu.au/facilities)

## Support Services

Student Development International can help with accommodation, visa issues, cultural support, advice on learning in a new environment and professional development.

More information: [student.unsw.edu.au/international](http://student.unsw.edu.au/international)

## Student Wellbeing

UNSW cares about a student's personal wellbeing as well as their academic success. A range of services to support this are available on campus.

More information: [unsw.edu.au/life](http://unsw.edu.au/life)

## FAQs

For further information about the Graduate Research School, go to [unsw.to/research-faqs](http://unsw.to/research-faqs)

# Our research areas

## Aviation

### Contact:

[aviation.unsw.edu.au](http://aviation.unsw.edu.au)

### Research areas

- Aviation Flying
- Aviation Management

## Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences

### Contact:

[bees.unsw.edu.au](http://bees.unsw.edu.au)

### Research areas

- Applied Geology
- Astrobiology
- Biological Science
- Climate Science
- Conservation Science
- Earth Science
- Ecology
- Ecosystem Science
- Environmental Management
- Evolutionary Biology
- Geochemistry
- Geography
- Groundwater
- Marine Science
- Paleontology and Earth History
- Remote Sensing and GIS

## Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences

### Contact:

[babs.unsw.edu.au](http://babs.unsw.edu.au)

### Research areas

- Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics
- Biotechnology
- Environmental Microbiology
- Immunology
- Infectious Diseases
- Microbiology
- Molecular Medicine
- Systems and Cell Biology

## Chemistry

### Contact:

[chemistry.unsw.edu.au](http://chemistry.unsw.edu.au)

### Research areas

- Catalysis and Energy
- Chemistry
- Nanoscience
- Medicinal Chemistry

## Materials Science and Engineering

### Contact:

[materials.unsw.edu.au](http://materials.unsw.edu.au)

### Research areas

- Ceramics
- Functional Materials
- Materials Science
- Physical Metallurgy
- Polymers and Composites
- Process Metallurgy

## Mathematics and Statistics

### Contact:

[maths.unsw.edu.au](http://maths.unsw.edu.au)

### Research areas

- Algebra and Number Theory
- Bayesian and Monte Carlo Methods
- Biomathematics
- Biostatistics and Ecology
- Combinatorics
- Computational Mathematics
- Finance and Risk Analysis
- Fluid Dynamics, Oceans and Atmosphere
- Functional and Harmonic Analysis
- Geometry
- Mathematical Physics
- Nonlinear Phenomena
- Nonparametric Statistics
- Optimisation
- Stochastic Analysis

## Optometry and Vision Science

### Contact:

[optometry.unsw.edu.au](http://optometry.unsw.edu.au)

### Research areas

- Anterior segment and Contact lenses
- Glaucoma and posterior segment
- Optics and applied vision research
- Public health optometry
- Vision science

## Physics

### Contact:

[physics.unsw.edu.au](http://physics.unsw.edu.au)

### Research areas

- Acoustics
- Astrophysics
- Biophysics
- Condensed matter physics
- Physics
- Theoretical Physics

## Psychology

### Contact:

[psy.unsw.edu.au](http://psy.unsw.edu.au)

### Research areas

- Clinical Psychology
- Forensic Psychology
- Organisational Psychology
- Psychology



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