The Master of Research is an elite research degree that aligns with Asian, European and North American qualifications. As an internationally recognised qualification it will allow you to be globally mobile in advancing your research education and employment opportunities. The program will deliver an in-depth research training experience that combines specialist disciplinary knowledge, an advanced understanding of research methodologies, and a year of independent research conducted under expert supervision.

Recently ranked as one of the world's top 100 young universities by Times Higher Education, the University of Western Sydney is positioned at the leading edge of teaching and research. UWS is one of Australia’s largest research-led universities with more than 42,000 students and 1,300 academic staff. Our research makes a difference not only in the Greater Western Sydney region, but also nationally and globally. Through collaboration with industry, the community, and government, we develop and deliver research which benefits society, the economy and the environment.

Our teaching is acknowledged as among the best in the country, with UWS academics winning the Australian University Teacher of the Year Award two years in a row. Students are at the centre of all that we do at UWS and we look forward to building your research knowledge and capacity to help us make a difference.

The Master of Research provides you with the necessary educational experiences and expert knowledge to enable a confident approach to PhD studies and your future career.

### COURSE SUMMARY

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<td>CAMPUS</td>
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| FEES         | Year 1 – Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP)  
               | Year 2 – Research Training Scheme (RTS - tuition fees do not apply)  
               | Tuition fees apply for international students |
| SCHOLARSHIPS | All full-time domestic students are eligible for a scholarship  
               | International students who achieve academic excellence are eligible for a PhD fee waiver |
| INTAKES      | January and July |
| ENTRY REQUIREMENTS | » A Bachelors degree or a Masters degree (with a research component);  
                     » Achievement of a threshold Admission Average Mark (AAM) equal to or above the minimum of 65;  
                     » A statement that outlines your tentative research area; and  
                     » International English proficiency requirement. IELTS 6.5 overall (minimum 6.0 in each band) or equivalent. |
| CRICOS CODE  | 085508B Humanities, Arts and Social Science  
               | 085507C Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics |
MASTER OF RESEARCH

UWS is transforming research education by developing a frontier research training program. The Master of Research aligns with degrees from around the world ensuring you will have an internationally recognised qualification that makes you competitive in your educational and career aspirations.

The Master of Research will give you:

» Global mobility in education and work aspirations
» An internationally recognised qualification
» Opportunity to work with leading researchers
» Capacity to achieve in a research environment
» Advanced research training skills and knowledge

CAREER OUTCOMES

The Master of Research is a customised research pathway to PhD study. It provides an optimal research training framework to equip you for future research pathways. It develops graduates’ innovative analytical, research and communication skills, making you highly competitive for global careers in:

» Industry and Business (research assistant, consumer and social research, public relations, publishing, personnel work, training, marketing, human resources)
» Community and non-profit organisations (administration, overseas aid & development agencies, social research, policy development, lobbying)
» Government (policy development & analysis, general administration, social research)
» PhD study, research assistant work, university teaching. After completion of your PhD you will be able to pursue postdoctoral or lectureship positions.

SCHOLARSHIPS

All full-time domestic students are eligible for the following scholarships:

Year One

» Session 1: $4,000 (all full-time domestic students)
» Session 2: $4,000 (for full-time domestic students who achieve an overall grade of 65 or above)

Year Two

for full-time domestic students who achieve an overall grade of 75 or above in Year 1:

» Session 1: $8,000
» Session 2: $8,000

International students who achieve academic excellence at the completion of the Master of Research will be eligible for a full fee waiver into PhD studies.

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PROGRAM CONTENT

The program builds on the academic background gained in your undergraduate education and welcomes you into a vibrant research culture. To maximise your study success and ensure you are supported throughout your study you will have the option to participate in online academic skilling programs and other resources as required.

In the first year you will be exposed to an exciting combination of advanced research methods and disciplinary coursework while concurrently developing a research proposal. You will master the art of academic communication while engaging with issues associated with research ethics and integrity.

In the second year you will produce a Research Masters thesis under the supervision of an academic who is a specialist in your research area. This year provides you with the opportunity to engage with nationally and internationally renowned researchers and involve you in a vibrant research culture.

YEAR ONE

Research Design 1: Theories of Enquiry and Design
This unit examines the philosophy of social science and science, and how this informs research. You will develop your understanding of quantitative or qualitative research and your ability to analyse, conduct and evaluate these forms of research. Upon completion of the unit you will be able to demonstrate competence in method literacies as well as the application of research skills.

Research Literacies
This unit aims to help you to become a successful communicator in academic and professional settings. It will further develop your abilities in critical analysis, reading and writing. Upon completion of the unit you will have developed the ability to translate your research knowledge across a variety of settings both within and outside of the University sector.

Research Fields
Each school and research institute within the University has developed a specialist core unit designed to orient you to research in its relevant disciplines. These units interact with the other core units to provide you with opportunities to further develop foundational skills in your relevant area of research. Please refer to the table below for a list of the schools and research institutes at UWS.

Research Design 2: Practices of Research
This unit builds upon Research Design 1: Theories of Enquiry and Design and will focus on particular issues relating to your research area. As such this unit will further examine the steps involved in generating, analysing, and critically evaluating information, perspectives, theories and sources of data relevant to your disciplinary field. You will broaden your understanding of the ethics of social and scientific research and this knowledge will underpin the design and development of a research proposal, as well as the proposal’s presentation.

Approved Elective Pool
The elective pool is divided into two discipline streams. A number of electives will be provided by schools and research institutes to further embed your area of research.

YEAR TWO

The second year of the program is based on devising and undertaking a supervised research project and producing a thesis that reports on those findings (20,000 – 25,000 word thesis or equivalent). You will be required to present your study to your peers through a series of seminars aimed to further develop your research and professional skills. The culture at UWS embraces research supervision as a shared responsibility and there are well established frameworks and policies to assist you throughout your studies.

To enhance your experience, a series of workshops will also be developed across three streams — Academia, Industry and Policy. These workshops are embedded within the second year to develop key skills for a smooth transition from the Master of Research to either a PhD or employment outside of academia.

ELECTIVE STREAMS

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FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information about studying at UWS, including course information, English language requirements, intakes, tuition fees, assessment methods, accommodation options, financial obligations and living in Australia, please visit uws.edu.au or email study@uws.edu.au

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