

## Admission Criteria into the Doctor of Philosophy (IF49)

The following table lists criteria approved for admission equivalence eligibility (consistent with Section 3. Entry Requirements of the [PhD Course Regulations](#))

To gain admission into the PhD a potential candidate shall normally hold from a recognised institution:

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| <b>Criteria 1</b> | A completed Australian Bachelor first class or second class Division A honours degree <sup>1</sup> or equivalent <sup>2</sup> ; <b>OR</b>  |
| <b>Criteria 2</b> | A completed overseas qualification comparable to the educational level of an Australian Bachelor Degree <sup>1</sup> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• with a duration of normally no less than 4 years <b>AND</b></li> <li>• an overall GPA comparable to 5.0 on a 7-point scale (where pass = 4) <b>AND</b></li> <li>• containing a significant and major thesis, dissertation, design project or creative work that has been <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ examined by at least two examiners<sup>3</sup> <b>OR</b></li> <li>⇒ has a grade comparable to 5.0 on a 7-point scale (where pass = 4) <b>OR</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <b>Criteria 3</b> | A completed Australian Masters by Research Degree or overseas qualification comparable to the educational level of an Australian Masters Degree (by Research) <sup>4</sup> ; <b>OR</b>   |
| <b>Criteria 4</b> | A completed Australian Masters by Coursework or Professional Doctorate or overseas qualification comparable to the educational level of an Australian Masters by Coursework or Professional Doctorate <sup>1</sup> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• with greater than 25% research <b>AND</b></li> <li>• an overall GPA of at least 5.0 on a 7-point scale (where pass = 4)</li> </ul>   |

<sup>1</sup> For the purpose of its admission assessment process, QUT uses Australian Education International's National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (NOOSR) and the National Recognition Information Centre for the United Kingdom (UK-NARIC) to assist in determining the comparability of an overseas qualification to an appropriate level of Australian qualification.

<sup>2</sup> Consistent with Section 5.4.2 of the PhD Course Regulations - for example a timely Articulation from a Masters Degree (Research)

<sup>3</sup> A copy of the research work and both examiners reports must be submitted. Examiners may not be part of the supervisory team. Where the examiners reports are written in a language other than English a complete, certified translation must be provided.

<sup>4</sup> The Australian Qualification Framework's definition of a research degree requires it to contain a minimum of 2/3 (66.7%) research, research training and independent study.

### Approval & modification history

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