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# Graduate study at the University of Melbourne - an investment in your career

In an increasingly competitive global employment market, a graduate qualification will open the door to a world of opportunity. It will increase your employability and provide greater earning potential.

The University of Melbourne's graduate programs provide an intense and professionally focused graduate education. Our curriculum is designed to produce expert graduates who have specialised knowledge combined with the practical and high-level skills employers value most. This makes graduate study at Melbourne a genuine investment in your career, helping you to achieve outstanding outcomes:

- Melbourne is ranked in the top 10 universities in the world for the employability of its graduates.<sup>1</sup>
- Over 90 per cent of our graduates enter employment in the first six months after graduation.<sup>2</sup>

- Over 100 employers approach the University every year with a view to recruiting our students.
- Recent figures show the starting salary of Melbourne graduate students averaged \$63,000.<sup>3</sup>

The University of Melbourne has a reputation for excellence, built on more than 150 years of tradition. Our campus is a hive of activity and forms the heart of Australia's premier knowledge precinct just minutes from the centre of Melbourne – an exciting and vibrant global city. Our graduates are prominent in Australia's political, cultural and business arenas and include former Prime Ministers, Nobel Laureates and community leaders.

Talented people from all over Australia and the world come to study and work at the University of Melbourne. You can be a part of this tradition.

- <sup>1</sup> Times Higher Education Supplement, 2008
- <sup>2</sup> This employment rate is for Australian citizens and permanent residents. Graduate Destination Survey, 2008
- <sup>3</sup> Includes only full-time employment located in Australia. Graduate Destination Survey, 2008

## Graduate Schools

Graduate programs at Melbourne are delivered by our graduate schools. These schools deliver internationally recognised graduate teaching unique in Australia.

The education and support provided by Melbourne's graduate schools will equip students with the knowledge and practical skills necessary to thrive on the international stage.

As a graduate student at Melbourne you will benefit from:

- Engagement with the professional community in the design and delivery of many graduate programs
- Learning from leading industry figures and internationally renowned academics
- Opportunities to develop professionally relevant skills – cross-cultural communication, problem solving, interpersonal skills

- Research-led teaching
- Access to high quality career planning and advice
- Access to public lectures and seminars to enhance formal teaching

## 2 Choosing what to study

The University of Melbourne offers a wealth of graduate study options across many study areas to suit your particular interests and career aspirations. We offer over 340 coursework programs as well as numerous research degrees.

### Coursework programs

Coursework programs offer subject-based learning and often provide flexible pathways to research degrees. Coursework programs offer a blend of structure and flexibility, as students complete a stream of core subjects and a range of elective subjects. Some coursework programs also offer a research component.

Graduate coursework programs at Melbourne are categorised as either professional entry degrees or professional development programs.

### Professional entry degrees

Many of these degrees are recognised by professional bodies in Australia and internationally, offering pathways to professional accreditation for graduates.

Typically these are offered as a masters degree.

For local students, most of these degrees offer Commonwealth supported places (CSP) and access to government support payments such as Austudy or Youth Allowance, and applicants may apply for the Graduate Access Melbourne scheme. See pages 6–8 for more information.

### Professional development programs

These programs are designed for those interested in advancing their career opportunities by extending existing professional knowledge, updating skills or pursuing a new or personal interest in a particular discipline area.

Qualifications include graduate certificates and diplomas, masters degrees and some professional doctorates.

### Research programs

A graduate research degree allows you to undertake in depth study in a specific subject area and involves sustained independent enquiry, carried out under the direction of a supervising academic. The research component must account for at least 66 per cent of credit towards a research degree.

A research degree is ideal for students seeking to develop their analytical skills, explore a passion and pursue a thirst for knowledge as part of a dynamic research community. For more information about pursuing a research degree refer to the *Graduate Research Opportunities* brochure or visit [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/research](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/research).

Whether you choose a professional entry, professional development or research program will depend on your study background, preferences and what you want to achieve from pursuing more advanced study. Your choice should suit your career aspirations and present circumstances.

To find the most suitable course as well as course details and entry requirements visit Course Search online at <http://coursesearch.unimelb.edu.au> or visit the relevant graduate school's website.



## Coursework awards explained

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	ARTICULATION	LENGTH (FULL-TIME) <sup>1</sup>	PREREQUISITE <sup>2</sup>
Graduate Certificate	A comprehensive six-month course of study. Can form the first half of a graduate diploma. It is particularly useful if you are returning to tertiary study after time away from an academic environment.	Can be credited towards a graduate diploma.	Six months (one semester)	Undergraduate degree
Graduate Diploma	A Graduate Diploma is similar to an undergraduate major and is an ideal introduction to a new discipline. This course is suitable for professional development and also as a preparatory program for study at a higher level in an area you have not studied previously.	Some advanced subjects may be credited towards a masters.	One year (two semesters)	Undergraduate degree
Postgraduate Certificate	A short, coherent degree in a specialist area of study. The course may provide an entry point for further graduate study.	May be credited for a postgraduate diploma.	Six months (one semester)	Undergraduate degree in a relevant or associated area.
Postgraduate Diploma	Provides current knowledge in a specialist area. There may be some research opportunities and training involved.	Some subjects may be credited towards a masters.	One year (two semesters)	Undergraduate degree in a relevant or specialised area.
Masters by Coursework	Provides advanced specialist or professional training in a particular discipline or interdisciplinary area. It can also lead to professional accreditation.		Normally one to two years. Some masters courses that offer professional accreditation may be longer than two years.	Undergraduate degree. Some programs require a degree, or studies in a relevant or associated area. Some programs may also require professional work experience.
Doctorate - Professional	Provides advanced specialist or professional training to advance practice and knowledge in a particular area. Professional doctorates are available through coursework and research.		Three years	Requirements vary from program to program and may include an honours or masters degree in a relevant field or equivalent. Alternatively, professional work experience, and/or a record of publications in the field is required.

<sup>1</sup> Most graduate programs are offered part-time and full-time and have semester one and semester two entry. Please consult individual course outlines for specific details.

<sup>2</sup> The prerequisites listed here are a guide only. Please consult individual course outlines for specific details.

## 4 International study opportunities

As a graduate student at Melbourne you may be eligible to gain international exposure by completing units of study overseas.

You can do this by participating in a student exchange program at one of our many partner institutions around the world. These include the University of California, Berkeley, Technical University of Delft and McGill University. A full list of institutions and more details are available at [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/int/saex](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/int/saex)

You may also enrol in a subject taught intensively overseas during semester breaks. Examples include:

- International travelling design studios in Chile, India, China
- Studying contemporary culture in the United States
- Undertaking a global business practicum in Thailand or Malaysia
- Participating in a World Trade Organization Moot Court Competition in Switzerland.

An international study experience provides diverse benefits including the ability to:

- Build international links through meeting new people on an academic, professional and personal level.
- Give yourself a competitive career edge by improving your language skills and cross-cultural understanding.
- Make your résumé stand out. You will have international experience, and display initiative and independence.

To assist you in undertaking overseas study, individual graduate schools and the University offer a range of financial incentives, scholarships and bursaries.



# Graduate student support and facilities

The University's comprehensive range of support services helps you adjust to university life and will enhance your learning. You have access to a range of facilities, training opportunities and support, as well as workshops and events to enhance the graduate experience and help you to develop the transferable skills you desire.

To make the most of your graduate qualification, you'll want professional careers guidance and advice. The Careers and Employment office is staffed by professionally trained careers advisers and offers all graduate students a full program of services and events to help them identify their career aims, contact prospective employers and enhance their employability.

Graduate students also have access to academic skills services, counselling services and volunteering opportunities. You can develop the social side of your graduate study experience by joining one of the many clubs and societies. The Graduate Students Association also offers a wide variety of representative, social and academic services.

Dedicated graduate student spaces across the University, offering 24-hour access and collaborative learning spaces are available. They are an ideal place to meet friends and colleagues, catch up on your email, do some work between classes or just relax.



# 6 Tuition fees

## Local students

The University of Melbourne offers two types of places to local graduate coursework students - Commonwealth supported places (CSPs) and Australian fee places. Australian citizens and permanent residents, holders of a permanent humanitarian visa and New Zealand citizens are eligible for CSPs and Australian fee places. Some graduate courses offer Australian fee places only while other courses offer a combination. Please check with the graduate school you are applying to for details about availability of places and how students are selected for each type of place.

The type of place you are enrolled in will determine the fees you will pay.

### Commonwealth supported place

If you are enrolled in a Commonwealth supported place you only make a contribution towards tuition fees (known as the student contribution) while the Australian Government

subsidises the majority of the cost. Eligible students are able to borrow funds to pay the student contribution amount through the HECS-HELP scheme.

The student contribution amount is based on the subjects you study. Every subject at the University has been assigned a discipline fee band. The total contribution amount is the sum of the fees for all the subjects in which you enrol.

### Australian fee place

If you are enrolled in an Australian fee place, tuition fees are not subsidised by the Australian Government and you pay the full tuition cost of the course. Course fees are set each year and you pay the course fee approved for that course in that year (if you are studying more or less than the standard full time load you will be charged on a pro-rata basis). The University provides a guarantee that graduate course fees will not increase by more than 10 per cent a year. Eligible students are able to borrow funds (up to the limit) to pay tuition fees through the Government's FEE-HELP

scheme. The FEE-HELP lifetime limit is \$83,313, or \$104,142 for medicine, dentistry or veterinary science courses, as at 1 January 2009.

Australian citizens and holders of a permanent humanitarian visa are eligible for HECS-HELP and FEE-HELP. New Zealand citizens and Australian permanent residents are not eligible.

For information about tuition fees and student contribution amounts please visit [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/fees/aust](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/fees/aust)

### Repaying HECS-HELP and FEE-HELP loans

Debts accrued under HECS-HELP and FEE-HELP are indexed to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) but are otherwise interest-free. HECS-HELP and FEE-HELP loans can be repaid upfront and/or through the tax system once your income is above the minimum threshold for compulsory repayment. Students wishing to pay their HECS-HELP contribution upfront are offered a 20 per cent discount. For further

information please talk to the graduate school you are applying to or visit [www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au)

## International students

International students enrol in an international fee place and pay tuition fees for study in a similar manner as students in Australian fee places.

More information about tuition fees for international students can be found online at [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/int/apply/fees](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/int/apply/fees)

### Student Services and Amenities Fee

The Commonwealth Government is likely to introduce a Student Services and Amenities Fee from 2010. Details of the fee will be provided after legislation has been passed and full details are known.



# Financial assistance

## Government support payments

Eligible students undertaking approved masters degrees (generally professional entry degrees) have access to Youth Allowance, Austudy and Abstudy. A complete list of approved courses is available online at [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/grad/programs/professional-entry](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/grad/programs/professional-entry)

## Employer support

Many graduate students at Melbourne receive support from their employers to undertake graduate study as part of their professional development. Assistance can be provided through a financial contribution to course fees and study material costs, or allowing time off to attend relevant study activities. Consider approaching your employer to discuss any assistance they may be able to provide. Graduate school staff will also be happy to speak to your employer about how the skills and knowledge gained through graduate study will benefit their organisation.

If your course is related to your employment, you may be entitled to a tax deduction for the cost of your tuition fees. Speak with the Australian Tax Office about claiming self-education expenses.



# 8 Scholarships

The Melbourne Scholarships Program is one of the most comprehensive and generous scholarship programs in Australia. It provides opportunities and support for students from Victoria, interstate and overseas. The Melbourne Scholarships Program recognises the outstanding academic achievement of many of the best national and international students.

Many of the University's graduate schools and the Centre for Indigenous Education offer graduate scholarships and referrals to other funding opportunities in addition to the scholarships offered by the Melbourne Scholarships Program.

For more information visit [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships)

Once enrolled at the University of Melbourne, graduate coursework students will also be considered for a range of prizes awarded annually to high-achieving students. These prizes are funded through government and industry sponsors; individuals, bequests and donations; and by graduate schools. Students may also apply for travelling scholarships to facilitate study overseas.

## Graduate Access Melbourne

Graduate Access Melbourne improves access to our graduate professional entry programs. It supports those who have experienced disadvantage or who are members of a specified group known to be under-represented in higher education.

Why should I apply?

→ Increase your chances of securing a Commonwealth supported place (CSP)

At least 20 per cent of the designated CSPs available in each graduate professional entry program will be allocated to Graduate Access Melbourne applicants.

→ Increase your chances of gaining a place in the course of your choice

Entry into our professional entry programs is competitive but applying through Graduate Access Melbourne will mean circumstances that had an adverse effect on your academic achievement will be taken into consideration.

→ Up to 100 one-off payments of \$5000 are available

Eligible Graduate Access Melbourne applicants are automatically considered for a Graduate Access Melbourne Bursary or the Maisie Fawcett Scholarship. Both provide a one-off grant of \$5000, designed to support you in meeting the costs associated with graduate study.

Australian or New Zealand citizens or Australian permanent residents or holders of a permanent Humanitarian Visa are able to apply. Further information about access categories and applicable courses is available at [www.gradaccess.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.gradaccess.unimelb.edu.au)

## Local students

Applications for most graduate coursework programs are made directly to the relevant graduate school. Applications are submitted online or via the appropriate application form together with any required documentation and supporting materials.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to check with the relevant graduate school to confirm application requirements, process (online or paper form) and closing dates. Also be sure to check if the program you are applying for falls under the Graduate Access Melbourne scheme and whether you are eligible to apply.

The application closing dates for most graduate programs are:

TIMELY APPLICATIONS:	LATE APPLICATIONS:
Semester 1 (February) entry: 30 November	Applications submitted after the timely closing dates will be accepted for most courses, depending on the availability of places. Commonwealth supported places (if offered) may no longer be available.
Semester 2 (July) entry: 31 May	

The admissions staff in each graduate school can help with any questions you may have about the application process.

## International students

International students apply directly to the University's International Admissions Centre online at [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/int/apply/grad/gradapp](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/int/apply/grad/gradapp) or via the paper application form. Alternatively you may choose to apply through one of our overseas representatives (a list can be found online at <http://offshore.unimelb.edu.au/OverseasReps.aspx>).

Application closing dates for international students:

Semester 1 (February) entry:  
31 October

Semester 2 (July) entry:  
30 April

# After you apply

## Assessment

1. Once we have received your application with the required documentation and supporting materials it will be assessed by the graduate school (usually by the course coordinator in the relevant academic department).

## Offer

2. If you have met the entrance requirements then a letter of offer will be sent to you. This letter will also indicate the type of place in which you will be enrolled – CSP (if available in the course you have applied for) or a full-fee place.

## Accept

3. Accept your offer. Instructions will be provided when you receive your offer.

## Enrol

4. Upon accepting your offer you will be given information about enrolment, orientation and pre-semester social events.

## Further information

There are a number of ways for you to find out more information about graduate study at Melbourne.

- **Visit the website:** search our website at [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/grad](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/grad) to find information about courses, admissions, fees, student services and more.
- **Attend an event:** throughout the year there are numerous opportunities to discuss your graduate study options in person with Melbourne staff and students. Visit our website for information about upcoming events for prospective graduate students in Australia and overseas.
- **Chat with us online:** a number of online Q & A sessions run throughout the year where you can talk directly with admissions staff. Check the website for details.
- **Join Grad Study News:** receive regular updates about graduate study at Melbourne: [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/grad/studynews](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/grad/studynews)
- **Explore the campus:** make your first stop the Information Centre, Swanston Street, Parkville Campus, next to Gate 3. You can also take an online tour: [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/about/life/tour](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/about/life/tour)
- **Contact graduate schools:** see contact details below.

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Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences	+61 3 8344 6395 +61 3 8344 5235	<a href="http://www.arts.unimelb.edu.au/futurestudents/programs">www.arts.unimelb.edu.au/futurestudents/programs</a>
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