

# Integrated PhD

## Frequently asked questions

### 1. *When do I need to apply by?*

The standard semester cut-off date. However, it is good to submit your Expression of Interest online as soon as possible. Please see <http://www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/applying> for more information and to submit your Expression of Interest.

### 2. *How much does it cost?*

**Domestic students:** If you are an Australian citizen or permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen, then you may be granted a Research Training Scheme (RTS) place for the advertised duration of the course, which means you **will not** be required to pay up-front tuition fees, nor will you accrue a HECS debt. Conditions apply if you are transferring from another university, or another research course.

**International students:** Non-scholarship holders will be required to pay fees. Please see the fee calculator at: <http://apps.ecu.edu.au/fees-calculator/> and enter in course code J42 - Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated).

### 3. *Am I eligible for scholarships?*

After successful completion of the first year of coursework, you may be eligible to apply for a PhD scholarship. Please see the scholarships website for more information:

<http://www.ecu.edu.au/scholarships/scholarships-by-pathways/higher-degree-by-research>

### 4. *Can I undertake the Integrated PhD at any campus or online?*

Depending on the units selected, some will be available at the Joondalup or Mt Lawley campuses, and online. Please refer to the unit outline for each unit to check delivery mode:

<http://www.ecu.edu.au/degrees/courses/doctor-of-philosophy-integrated/structure>

Please note:

- You will undertake a research project as part of PRO6000 and PR6100 in the first year, under the supervision of your principal supervisor. The exact type of project and if it can be undertaken externally would need to be negotiated with your supervisor. This would be the same for your actual PhD project for years 2-4.
- For some of the units, particularly the writing and communicating units, you will obviously have a better learning experience face-to-face than online. You would also benefit from the networking with the rest of the cohort.

5. *Can I enrol part-time?*

For domestic students, the course can be completed either full-time in 4 years or part-time in a maximum of 8 years. Students who wish to enrol in less than 50% may need approval. International students should check their Visa requirements before enrolling part-time.

6. *How should I complete the units if I am part-time?*

The full time load for the coursework year is 3 units per semester, so students cannot enrol at 50% as it obviously is not possible to undertake 1.5 units! We recommend students enrol in 2 units per semester and complete the coursework in 3 semesters. You could also choose to take 4 semesters to complete the units, as shown in the table below.

**Suggested coursework plan for part-time students**

	<i>Complete in 3 semesters</i>	<i>Complete in 4 semesters</i>
Year 1, Semester 1	WRS6000 Research Methods Unit	WRS6000 Research Methods Unit
Year 1, Semester 2	PRO6000 CPR6100	PRO6000 CPR6100
Year 2, Semester 1	PRO6100 Elective	PRO6100
Year 2, Semester 2	n/a	Elective

NB The elective unit can be completed before CPR6100

7. *Can I receive credit for previous study?*

You may be eligible to apply for advanced standing for relevant previous study or experience (up to a maximum of 60 credit points) once you enrol in the Integrated PhD.

8. *I've enrolled in L61 (traditional PhD). Can I swap to J42 (Integrated PhD)?*

If you have not yet consumed any candidature you may transfer from L61 to J42. [Contact HDRenquiries@ecu.edu.au](mailto:HDRenquiries@ecu.edu.au) for further information.

9. *Do I need a supervisor and how do I find a supervisor?*

Yes you will need a supervisor from the start of the Integrated PhD. The units Research Project 1 and Research Project 2 require you to work closely with your principal supervisor on a small research project related to your future PhD thesis.

To find a suitably qualified academic supervisor in your research area of interest, please contact the Higher Degree Coordinator in the school your research most closely aligns to.

*10. Will I need ethics approval for the Research Project unit?*

Yes. All research at ECU requires either an ethics declaration or a full ethics proposal to be submitted. However, your supervisor may already have existing ethics approval for the research you will be undertaking in Research Project 1 and Research Project 2 units. You will be provided with information and training on research integrity and ethics as part of lectures in PRO6000.

*11. I received below a level 2 Honours – can I still apply?*

You can apply, however, the first year of the Integrated PhD is rigorous and demanding, so it will be up to individual Schools to ensure they are only accepting high achieving students into this pathway.

*12. When will I need to get Confirmation of Candidature?*

Integrated PhD students will have 12 months full-time (or part-time equivalent) to complete the requirements for Confirmation of Candidature. The coursework in the first year will help students prepare for Confirmation of Candidature and you will have approximately 4 months after completing the coursework to achieve Confirmation.

*13. What will be on my testamur (parchment) at graduation?*

The award title is 'Doctor of Philosophy', and this is what will appear on the testamur of the PhD (Integrated) course.