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POSTGRADUATE  
STUDY 2012



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## AGENDA



- › Having completed your undergraduate degree, what postgraduate opportunities are available?
  - › Why would you choose one over another?
  - › How to get more information about each option
  - › Scholarships
  - › How to apply
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## POSTGRADUATE STUDY



- › At the University of Sydney, postgraduate study falls into two broad categories: **Coursework and Research**

## WHAT IS POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK?



- › Coursework programs consist of units of study rather than research work and therefore require attendance at lectures and tutorials, similar to your undergraduate degree.



## • OPTIONS



- › **Master's** programs: specialised knowledge and skills to help you take the next step in your career or develop academic expertise.
  - Usually between one and two years of full-time study.
- › **Graduate Diplomas:** usually based on master's programs but require less time commitment. Excellent option for students who do not want to commit to a full master's, but still need a solid grounding in their chosen field.
  - Usually require one year of full-time study.
- › **Graduate Certificates:** for those who want to undertake a short academic course to further their career, or to sample further study.
  - Usually require six months of full-time study.

# WHAT TYPE OF COURSE IS RIGHT FOR ME?

## GRADUATE OPTIONS



› In the following slides, I am going to take you through a range of graduate options and what motivated some of our current students to pursue postgraduate study:

1. Professional development
2. Professional qualification
3. Career change
4. Personal interest
5. Research

“Discipline, structure, creative thinking and confidence allowed me to grow exponentially.”

**JOHN FRASER-MIFSUD**  
MASTER OF DESIGN  
SCIENCE (HONOURS)  
NATIONAL CHANNEL  
MANAGER, DAIKIN AUSTRALIA



**For those of you already working in your chosen field, but want to enhance your expertise and knowledge to support your career progression**

- › These degrees usually follow on from undergraduate degrees in the same area, but are more specialised.
- › For example, the Master of Health Law will be of particular interest to lawyers with a health/professional liability practice

## CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Once you are accredited for professional practice, you may need to complete a certain number of hours of continuing professional development each year.

We offer a range of courses that have been specifically designed for these professions, such as law, dentistry, teaching, medicine, architecture and engineering. Sydney offers courses, seminars and units of study in a range of subjects.



**For you, learning might not be about furthering your career, but simply for the love of learning**

› **Full-degree study**

- You can enrol in degrees – Graduate Certificates, Graduate Diplomas, Masters or even research degrees, simply for the love of learning

› **Non-degree study**

- We offer a range of postgraduate non-degree courses, which allow you to take single units of study, to explore subjects of personal interest. If you subsequently enrol in an degree, you can usually credit these units towards a formal qualification.

› **CCE**

- Our Centre for Continuing Education provides another option. An extensive number of short courses on a wide range of topics, all of which are open to the general public.

# PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION



“During my master’s degree I used my skills at one of Sydney’s leading architectural practices. I now have the knowledge and experience to fulfil my potential as an architect and designer.”

ANDREW DALY  
MASTER OF  
ARCHITECTURE

**If your career path requires formal professional qualifications, you’ll need a specific degree that qualifies you to register with a professional body – for example:**

- › **Law:** the Juris Doctor, which is a comprehensive three-year graduate degree.
- › **Dentistry:** Graduate Dentistry degree.
- › **Engineering:** the Master of Professional Engineering is for people from a non-engineering background with sufficient tertiary knowledge of mathematics and science who want to qualify as engineers.
- › **Physiotherapy:** ideal for graduates wishing to enter the profession of physiotherapy who possess a related undergraduate degree such as exercise sport science or human movement.
- › Our range of accreditation options is large, so check with faculty booths for more information

## These courses support your decision to move into a completely different field

- › To change careers, you may be looking for a postgraduate degree that does not require you to have completed an undergraduate degree in the same field.
- › For example, you may have been working in administration for many years and feel the need for a change. If information technology appeals, our Graduate Diploma in Computing, accredited by the Australian Computer Society (ACS), is designed to help non- IT graduates change career.



“At times it’s been a challenge, juggling study with family life, but it’s also incredibly exciting to be learning again and working towards a career change that I’m sure will be very fulfilling.”

**RACHEL BOWERMAN**  
MASTER OF NURSING



## FLEXIBLE STUDY OPTIONS



- › We know that the way we learn, work and live is always changing. That's why flexibility is important in how you can complete our coursework programs.
  - › For example, some programs are delivered face-to-face (on campus) or via block or intensive modes. Others may be available via distance and online learning.
  - › You can study at your own pace, depending on the work/life balance that suits you: one unit at a time, part time, full time etc.
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## PROGRAM COSTS



- › Domestic Postgraduate Students
    - 2 categories:
      1. Full fee paying
      2. Commonwealth-supported places (CSPs)
  
  - › International Postgraduate Students
    - Visit: [sydney.edu.au/courses](https://sydney.edu.au/courses)
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# FULL FEE PAYING PLACES (DOMESTIC)

## STUDY NOW, PAY LATER



- › You can either pay upfront for the units you study, or defer payments through the federal government's interest-free FEE-HELP loan scheme so that you pay later through the taxation system
- › To find the tuition fees for your course, visit:  
[sydney.edu.au/courses](https://sydney.edu.au/courses)
- › Search for your course of interest and click on 'Fees and Admissions'

## COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED PLACES (CSPs)



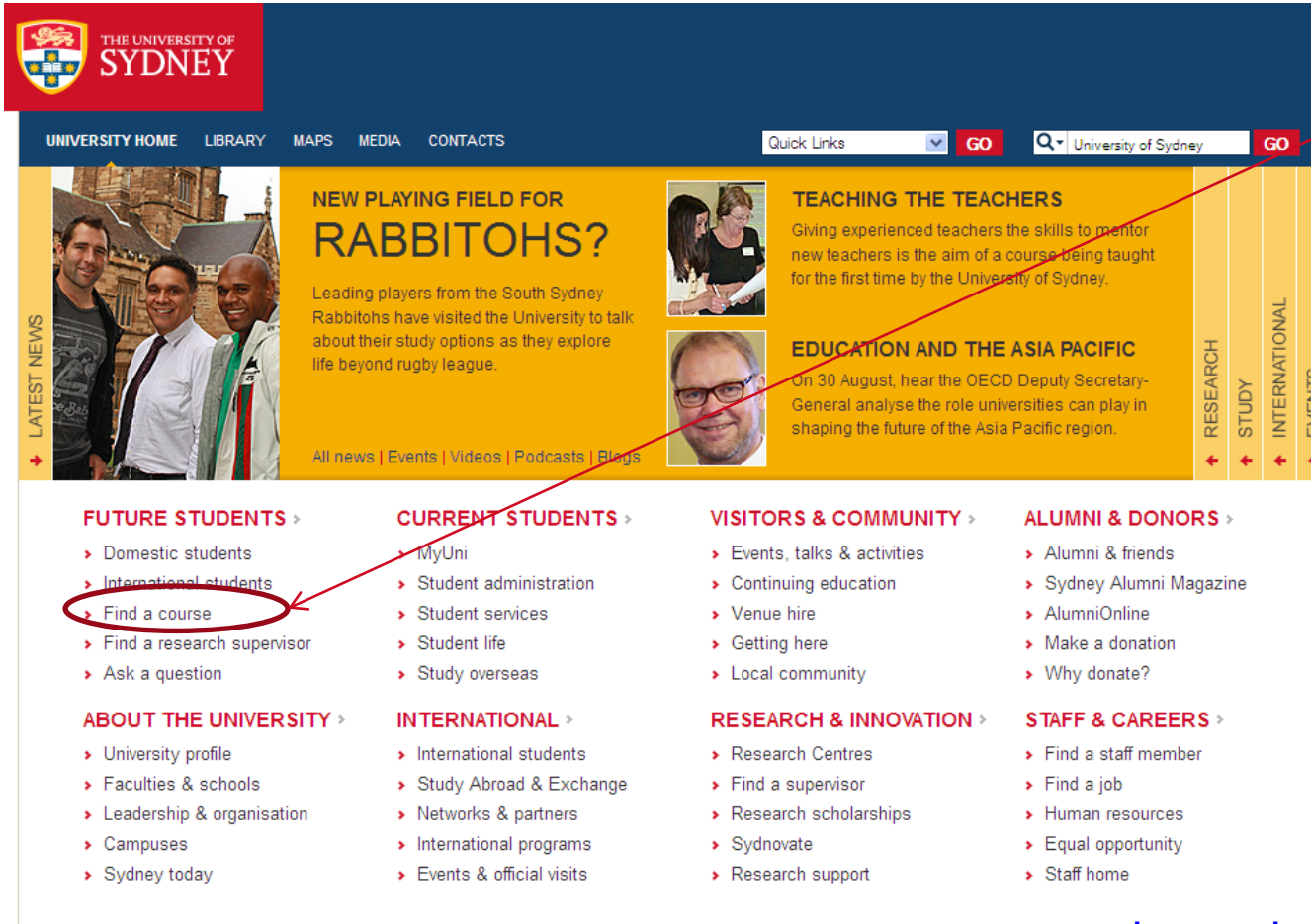
- › **The number of CSP places is increasing for students enrolling for study in 2012**
- › Commonwealth-supported places are available for some postgraduate coursework programs.
- › This means the government contributes towards the cost of your study and you pay a 'student contribution' amount.
- › places are limited and often allocated to students based on merit.
- › You have the choice whether to pay your fees upfront or defer payment through the government's HECS-HELP loan scheme - similar to the HECS-HELP for undergraduate study.
- › A List of CSP courses available at our University is available on our website at: [sydney.edu.au/future\\_students/domestic\\_postgraduate\\_coursework/costs\\_scholarships/csp\\_places.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/domestic_postgraduate_coursework/costs_scholarships/csp_places.shtml)

## WHAT SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE?



- › Although there are no University-wide funded scholarships for postgraduate coursework students, there are at the faculty level.
  - For example, many of the University of Sydney Business School scholarships are enhanced by links with sponsorship partners in the business, alumni and wider University communities.
  - Postgraduate Coursework Scholarships available to future and commencing students (2012):
    - [Business Leader Postgraduate Scholarship](#)
    - [Master of Management Scholarship](#)
    - [Global Executive MBA Excellence in Leadership Scholarship](#)
    - [Global Executive MBA Alumni Scholarship for Excellence in Not-for-Profit Leadership](#)
  - Many industry organisations and businesses are willing to contribute towards tuition fees for professional development courses; our Scholarships Office often has information about these external opportunities (see [sydney.edu.au/scholarships/postgrad](http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/postgrad) for details).

## HOW TO APPLY



The screenshot shows the University of Sydney website with the following elements:

- Header:** University of Sydney logo and name.
- Navigation:** UNIVERSITY HOME, LIBRARY, MAPS, MEDIA, CONTACTS. Quick Links dropdown, search bar (University of Sydney), and GO buttons.
- Main Content Area:**
  - LATEST NEWS:** A vertical sidebar on the left.
  - NEW PLAYING FIELD FOR RABBITOHS?** Article about South Sydney Rabbitohs players.
  - TEACHING THE TEACHERS:** Article about a course for experienced teachers.
  - EDUCATION AND THE ASIA PACIFIC:** Article about an OECD Deputy Secretary-General.
  - Vertical Sidebar:** RESEARCH, STUDY, INTERNATIONAL, EVENTS.
- Footer Navigation:**
  - FUTURE STUDENTS >**
    - Domestic students
    - International students
    - Find a course** (circled in red)
    - Find a research supervisor
    - Ask a question
  - ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY >**
    - University profile
    - Faculties & schools
    - Leadership & organisation
    - Campuses
    - Sydney today
  - CURRENT STUDENTS >**
    - MyUni
    - Student administration
    - Student services
    - Student life
    - Study overseas
  - INTERNATIONAL >**
    - International students
    - Study Abroad & Exchange
    - Networks & partners
    - International programs
    - Events & official visits
  - VISITORS & COMMUNITY >**
    - Events, talks & activities
    - Continuing education
    - Venue hire
    - Getting here
    - Local community
  - RESEARCH & INNOVATION >**
    - Research Centres
    - Find a supervisor
    - Research scholarships
    - Sydnovate
    - Research support
  - ALUMNI & DONORS >**
    - Alumni & friends
    - Sydney Alumni Magazine
    - AlumniOnline
    - Make a donation
    - Why donate?
  - STAFF & CAREERS >**
    - Find a staff member
    - Find a job
    - Human resources
    - Equal opportunity
    - Staff home

› Applications can be made from the Courses Database

› Entry requirements vary by faculty


› Course database explains requirements for each degree



- › Studying by research at Sydney will allow you to pursue your interests under the guidance of an experienced supervisor, many of whom are world leaders in their field of expertise
- › Postgraduate **research** courses (for example a PhD or Master's by research degree) typically take longer to complete than other postgraduate options

## OUR RESEARCH DEGREES HAVE TWO PURPOSES:

- › Prepare a substantial piece of work that represents a significant contribution to a particular field of study
- › To train you in general research methodology and equip you with transferable research skills to pursue an academic career or take into a career in industry, business or elsewhere



“My research looks at how collective behaviour in fish shoals can be used to predict human crowd behaviour. This could help law enforcement agencies identify suspicious individuals.”

**JAMES HERBERT-READ**  
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES  
PHD STUDENT

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?



*Eligibility - Australian citizens & permanent residents , New Zealand citizens*

*International students - contact international office*

- › The Research Training Scheme (RTS) provides HECS exemptions for Commonwealth-funded higher degree by research (HDR) students for the duration of an accredited HDR course
- › Up to a maximum of **four** years full-time equivalent study for a doctorate
- › **Two** years full-time equivalent study for a master's by research
- › RTS students may be enrolled full time or part time

## OVER 600 RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE\*



**The University of Sydney has more than 600 research scholarships available for students enrolling in a postgraduate research degree in 2012.**

### Available scholarships

- › Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) and University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards (UPA): recurring scholarships usually offered at least once each year. Closing dates vary.
- › Vice-Chancellor's Research Scholarships (VCRS): top-up scholarships for highly ranked commencing PhD students who are awarded an APA or UPA.
- › Current research scholarships: one-off scholarships often linked to specific research projects or awards funded by external organisations. Advertised throughout the year.
- › Specific research awards: Faculty/Departmental/Discipline specific awards.
- › Grants-in-Aid, Postgraduate Research Support Scheme, Commercialisation Training Scheme: funding for currently enrolled students.
- › Overseas Scholarships: University of Sydney Travelling Scholarships, Fulbright Scholarships, Rhodes Scholars, and more.

*\* Domestic students . Please note that scholarship numbers and conditions may change without notice.*

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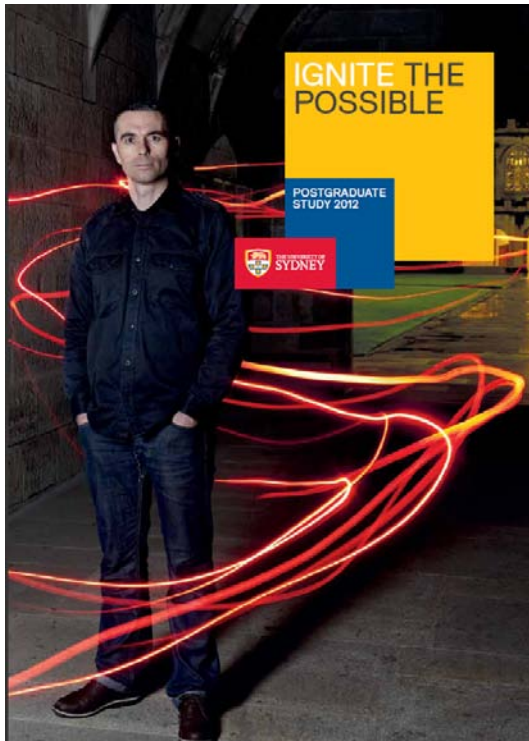
For more information:  
[sydney.edu.au/research\\_scholarships](http://sydney.edu.au/research_scholarships)

## HOW DO I APPLY?



- › Applying for a research course at Sydney is a four-step process:
  1. Academic qualifications (Honours degree or equivalent)
  2. Find a supervisor
  3. Research proposal
  4. Submit application
  
- › To help you find a research topic and a supervisor, our Research Supervisor Connect web-based system, [sydney.edu.au/research/opportunities](https://sydney.edu.au/research/opportunities) is the first port of call.

## Postgraduate Prospectus



## Faculty Booths



## Mini Lectures





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Why postgraduate study? | Why Sydney? | Find a course | Costs & scholarships | How to apply | Services & accommodation

You are here: Home / Future students / Domestic postgraduate / Why postgraduate study?

**POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT SYDNEY**

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- > Research
- > HR professionals

**GRADUATE OPTIONS EXPO**  
22 September 3-7pm. [Find out more](#)

**POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT SYDNEY**

**Ignite the possible**

When you choose to study at the University of Sydney, you light the path to a world of possibilities. Our courses deliver the latest thinking, encouraging personal expression and ultimately inspiring you to achieve your professional and personal goals.

Our academics (your lecturers) are among the best in the world – many leading their respective fields in research and innovation. They share their knowledge and their passion with you, in a learning environment that transforms your thinking and unleashes new ideas.

You may have a number of reasons to consider postgraduate study. Whether you want to qualify for a profession, develop further in your current profession or change careers altogether, the University of Sydney can help you achieve your goals.

**Ignite your true potential**

- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION
- CAREER CHANGE

**FEATURE LINKS**

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- > POSTGRADUATE APPLICATIONS
- > RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

**POSTGRADUATE STUDY 2012**

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ANY QUESTIONS?

