

How to apply for a research degree program

Welcome to **Research Degree Apply Online**, a secure step-by-step online service for applying for UniSA research degree programs (Doctor of Philosophy, Research Professional Doctorates and Masters by Research).

The online form is for both **international** applicants (citizens of countries other than Australia and New Zealand, Permanent Residents of New Zealand and holders of other temporary visas residing in Australia) and **Australian** applicants (Australian citizens, Permanent Residents, holders of Permanent Humanitarian Visas and New Zealand citizens).

Closing dates

- Scholarship applications:
 - Australian: 31 October
 - International: 31 May and 31 August
- Admission to a research degree without a scholarship:
 - Study Period 2 commencement - Australian: 30 November; International: 31 August
 - Study Period 5 commencement - 31 May

7 steps to applying

You must follow the 7 steps below to apply to do a research degree at UniSA.

1. Check that you are eligible

- [English language proficiency](#) - IELTS 6.5 (academic) or equivalent for international applicants
- [Entry requirements](#) - normally a four-year undergraduate degree with high grades is the minimum. [Are you eligible? View the pathways](#)

2. Find a research degree program

To complete the application, you will need to provide information about your proposed program of study, the name of your proposed supervisor at UniSA, and any scholarship you may wish to apply for.

- [Find a research degree program](#)

3. Find a supervisor

- [Find academic support for your application](#)

4. Find a scholarship

- Australian applicants:* check [scholarships available](#) (applications close 31 October)
- International applicants:* check [scholarships available](#) (depending on the scholarship, applications close 31 May and 31 August)

5. Organise supporting statements

- Contact *two* academic referees and ask them to complete the Academic Referees Report for 2009 - [RTF](#) (pc) and [Word](#) (Mac) - closing dates various

6. Complete the online application form

To complete the application, you will need to provide details about:

- your proposed research, including the proposed thesis title
- any awards or prizes received
- any professional experience
- any publications you have authored or co-authored

Go to the [Online application form](#). See [Using the online application form](#)

7. Provide relevant documentation

To complete the application, you will need to send copies of the following information:

- transcripts of undergraduate, honours and postgraduate courses undertaken (even if not completed)
- certification of English language proficiency (if relevant)
- passport details

Using the online application form

1. When you first **register** with Apply Online you will need to complete your name, contact details and email address.
2. A return email will be sent to you giving you an **application number** and **password**.
3. You can then go to the **online application form** where you will need to follow the steps to complete the application.
4. If you can't finish the application in one sitting (it takes about 15 minutes), you can **save** it and return later. Be sure to save the email with the application number and password.
5. When you have completed all the details, submit the application.
6. Print out the Documentation Cover Sheet.
7. Obtain certified **copies** of English language certificates, academic transcripts, passport details or birth certificate. Write the **application number** on the top right hand corner of all documents, attach to the Documentation Cover Sheet and forward to the [Graduate Studies Office](#) *within 5 days* of submitting the application. If you wish to email copies (uncertified) you can do so, however certified copies will be required before an offer of admission can be finalised. (Addresses are at the bottom of the application form.)
8. Print out a copy of the application (about 4 pages) for your own records.

We will acknowledge your application by email. It takes between *four to six* weeks to finalise applications and make an offer. Applicants for competitive scholarships may take longer.

The Graduate Studies Office will notify you of the outcome of your application by email.