

Higher Degrees by Research

Doctor of Philosophy
Master of Philosophy

Pathways to a Higher Degree

Graduate Certificate of Research Methods (Tropical Environments and Societies)
Graduate Certificate of Research Methods (Tropical Health and Medicine)
Graduate Diploma of Research Methods (Tropical Environments and Societies)
Graduate Diploma of Research Methods (Tropical Health and Medicine)

The Singapore campus of James Cook University

Established in 2003

The Singapore campus of James Cook University is fully owned by James Cook University Australia, which is ranked in the top 2%* of universities in the world. James Cook University Australia established its Singapore campus in 2003 as part of its expressed intent of internationalising its activities and offers a suite of university level programs at the Singapore campus covering the areas of Business, Information Technology, Psychology, Education, Accounting, Arts, Aquaculture, Environmental Science, Games Design, Tourism and Hospitality.

James Cook University offers Higher Degree by Research programs such as Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Philosophy and pathways to a higher degree.

Additionally, the campus offers courses at the pre-university level, specifically designed to provide pathways for students who are unable to immediately meet university entrance standards.

The Singapore campus of James Cook University is located at Sims Drive. The campus provides students with access to a full range of facilities and services to support their learning. These include lecture and seminar rooms, library and associated study facilities, computer laboratories, financial lab and access to a variety of sporting facilities.

James Cook University Inter-campus Mobility Program

James Cook University provides the opportunity for students to study in Singapore and in Australia and yet still remain as Singapore based students paying their fees in Singapore currency. This is a unique program in Asia because the university operates across both countries. The program is designed to ensure the students get the best possible outcomes from their years of study with the university.

EduTrust Star

James Cook University has the highest level of quality assurance in Singapore for Private Education Institutions. This is known as EduTrust Star and is a symbol of recognition for outstanding achievement. EduTrust Star is awarded to those institutions for attaining a commendable level of performance in managing their institutions and providing an outstanding quality of education and welfare for their students.

James Cook University is the first organisation with EduTrust Star. By obtaining this award for the second time in 2019, James Cook University has displayed its commitment and focus as a student centric educational institution.

SQC STAR

James Cook University has also been awarded the Singapore Quality Class STAR (SQC STAR). The SQC STAR recognises SQC organisations that have made further improvement in their business excellence journey.

*The 2019 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU)



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Higher degrees by research comprise a program of supervised original research in a chosen discipline.

James Cook University's higher degree by research programs are structured with clear candidature milestones to ensure you are provided with feedback and support at each stage of candidature.

If you do not have sufficient research experience, JCU offers research qualifying courses (pathways to a higher degree). The right course for you depends on the level of study and the amount of research you have previously undertaken.

Note: International students in Singapore on a Student Pass are not permitted to work. For more information please visit www.ica.gov.sg

James Cook University is EduTrust Certified. The EduTrust certification scheme is administered by the Committee for Private Education (CPE), a part of SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG). EduTrust requires all students to be covered under a Fee Protection Scheme. In James Cook University, this is provided through an insurance protection scheme. Further, EduTrust also requires that the students must be covered under a medical insurance coverage which has provision for hospitalisation, surgery and treatment costs throughout their course duration. James Cook University will advise in the Standard Student Contract the total amount of insurance payable.

For more details please visit the Committee for Private Education (CPE), a part of SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG) website: www.cpe.gov.sg

Doctor of Philosophy

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) is a program of supervised original research. It culminates in the submission of a thesis that demonstrates the ability for critical analysis and research that makes a significant and original contribution to the knowledge and understanding of the field of study.

Your research topic

Applicants need to discuss their proposed research topic with an appropriate research supervisor. Please contact us for details.

James Cook University will form an advisory panel comprised of a Primary Advisor, Secondary Advisor and Advisor Mentor to assist Higher Degree by Research candidates in their research journey.

Research areas available include: education, social sciences, game design, banking and finance, tourism, psychology, aquaculture, marine ecology, interdisciplinary topics. Other themes can be arranged to meet the needs of candidates.

Career Prospects:

The Doctor of Philosophy is an essential prerequisite for research and academic careers in most disciplines. Candidates can also look for R&D opportunities in a variety of industry sectors, NGO and government agencies.

Study Program

Candidates are required to complete the core subjects before embarking on the thesis component as per course structure below.

SUBJECTS

CORE:

Planning the Research: Doctoral Candidates
Situating the Research: Doctoral Candidates
Professional Development: Doctoral Candidates

+ One of the below

Doctor of Philosophy Research Thesis (Architecture and Building)
Doctor of Philosophy Research Thesis (Information Technology)
Doctor of Philosophy Research Thesis (Management and Commerce)
Doctor of Philosophy Research Thesis (Education)
Doctor of Philosophy Research Thesis (Society and Culture)
Doctor of Philosophy Research Thesis (Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies)
Doctor of Philosophy Research Thesis (Health)

Duration: 4 years full-time or 8 years part-time

Intake:

Term 1 (January to June)
Term 2 (July to December)

Total Tuition Fees:

SGD 134,927 (International)
SGD 128,400 (Domestic)*

**Fees apply to all Singapore residents (Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and all pass holders excluding those holding a Student Pass).*

Note: All course fees include prevailing 7% Goods and Services Tax (GST). Students will pay the tuition fees in equal instalments. The details of the breakdown will be provided in your Student Contract. Please contact us for further details.



Entry Requirements

Doctor of Philosophy

Entry Requirements

Applicants must demonstrate the capacity to undertake research at the Doctoral level by the attainment of at least one of the following:

- A Bachelor's degree with at least Second Class Honours in a degree program that included a total of at least a semester of supervised project work, the results of which contributed to the Honours grade; or
- A postgraduate qualification which included:
(a) supervised research component(s) of at least one semester or equivalent and resulted in the production of output(s) graded at the equivalent of Distinction or better, and (b) at least one research methods subject; or
- A Research Masters degree, where at least two thirds of the degree consisted of a supervised research component and resulted in the production of a thesis or equivalent; or
- A combination of qualifications, research training and experience, considered equivalent to the above and deemed appropriate by the university, e.g., senior authorship of at least one peer-reviewed publication plus completion of an appropriate research methods subject.

Note: Candidates who do not meet any of the above may apply for a higher degree pathway offered in the form of the Graduate Certificate of Research Methods and the Graduate Diploma of Research Methods.

English Requirements

- Applicants of non-English speaking backgrounds must meet the English language proficiency requirements of IELTS 6.5 (no component lower than 6.0) / TOEFL (Internet Based) 86 (no component less than 21) / Pearson PTE Academic 58 (no component less than 54); or
- Satisfactory completion of James Cook University Singapore English Language Preparatory Program (ELPP); or
- Successful completion of other qualifications completed in English Language deemed comparable to Australian standards within the last two years on a case-by-case basis

Advanced Standing

A person admitted to candidature on the basis of previous enrolment in a higher degree by research relevant to the proposed Doctoral program may be given advanced standing on a case by case basis.



Master of Philosophy

The Master of Philosophy offers postgraduate research supervision on a smaller scale than the PhD, towards which it can provide a pathway.

The Master of Philosophy is a research degree designed for graduates from various disciplines who wish to pioneer new knowledge and present the culmination of their research via a thesis.

You will do an integrated research project that culminates in the submission of a thesis and demonstrates the capacity for critical analysis and original research.

Your research topic

Applicants need to discuss their proposed research topic with an appropriate research supervisor. Please contact us for details.

James Cook University will form an advisory panel comprised of a Primary Advisor, Secondary Advisor and Advisor Mentor to assist Higher Degree by Research candidates in their research journey.

Research areas available include: education, social sciences, game design, banking and finance, tourism, psychology, aquaculture, marine ecology, interdisciplinary topics. Other themes can be arranged to meet the needs of candidates.

Study Program

Candidates are required to complete core subjects before embarking on the thesis component, as per course structure below.

SUBJECTS

CORE:

Planning the Research: Masters Candidates

Situating the Research: Masters Candidates

+ One of the below

Master of Philosophy Research Thesis (Architecture and Building)

Master of Philosophy Research Thesis (Information Technology)

Master of Philosophy Research Thesis (Management and Commerce)

Master of Philosophy Research Thesis (Education)

Master of Philosophy Research Thesis (Society and Culture)

Master of Philosophy Research Thesis (Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies)

Master of Philosophy Research Thesis (Health)

Duration: 2 years full-time or 4 years part-time

Intake:

Term 1 (January to June)

Term 2 (July to December)

Total Tuition Fees:

SGD 67,838 (International)

SGD 64,521 (Domestic)*

**Fees apply to all Singapore residents (Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and all pass holders excluding those holding a Student Pass).*

Note: All course fees include prevailing 7% Goods and Services Tax (GST). Students will pay the tuition fees in equal instalments. The details of the breakdown will be provided in your Student Contract. Please contact us for further details.



Entry Requirements

Master of Philosophy

Entry Requirements

Applicants must demonstrate the capacity to undertake research at the Research Masters level by the attainment of at least one of the following:

- A Bachelor's degree with at least Second Class Division B (Honours) in a degree program that included a total of at least a 0.5 semester of supervised project work, the results of which contributed to the Honours grade; or
- A postgraduate qualification, which included: (a) supervised research component(s) of at least 0.5 semester (or equivalent) and resulted in the production of output(s) graded at the equivalent of Credit or better, and (b) at least one research methods subject; or
- A Graduate Certificate or Diploma in Research Methods with a Grade Point Average of Credit or above in addition to a Bachelor's degree; or
- A combination of qualifications and research experience considered equivalent to the above and deemed appropriate by the university, e.g. junior authorship of a peer-reviewed research publication plus completion of an appropriate research methods subject.

Note: Candidates who do not meet any of the above may apply for a higher degree pathway offered in the form of the Graduate Certificate of Research Methods or the Graduate Diploma of Research Methods.

English Requirements

- Applicants of non-English speaking backgrounds must meet the English language proficiency requirements of IELTS 6.5 (no component lower than 6.0) / TOEFL (Internet Based) 86 (no component less than 21) / Pearson PTE Academic 58 (no component less than 54); or
- Satisfactory completion of James Cook University Singapore English Language Preparatory Program (ELPP); or
- Successful completion of other qualifications completed in English Language deemed comparable to Australian standards within the last two years on a case-by-case basis

Advanced Standing

Application for advanced standing from the core subject will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.



Pathways to a Higher Degree

Graduate Certificate of Research Methods (Tropical Environments and Societies)

Study Program

Students are required to complete 2 subjects (12 credit points) as follows.

CORE SUBJECTS

Research Planning in Tropical Environments and Societies
Research Project in Tropical Environments and Societies

Duration: 6 months full-time or 12 months part-time

Course Structure: 2 subjects in 1 term

Intake:

Term 1 (January to June)

Term 2 (July to December)

Total Tuition Fees:

S\$13,268 (International)

S\$12,840 (Domestic)*

**Fees apply to all Singapore residents (Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and all pass holders excluding those holding a Student Pass).*

Note: All course fees include prevailing 7% Goods and Services Tax (GST). Students will pay the tuition fees in equal instalments. The details of the breakdown will be provided in your Student Contract. Please contact us for further details.

Graduate Certificate of Research Methods (Tropical Health and Medicine)

Study Program

Students are required to complete 2 subjects (12 credit points) as follows.

CORE SUBJECTS

Research Planning in Tropical Health and Medicine
Research Project in Tropical Health and Medicine

Duration: 6 months full-time or 12 months part-time

Course Structure: 2 subjects in 1 term

Intake:

Term 1 (January to June)

Term 2 (July to December)

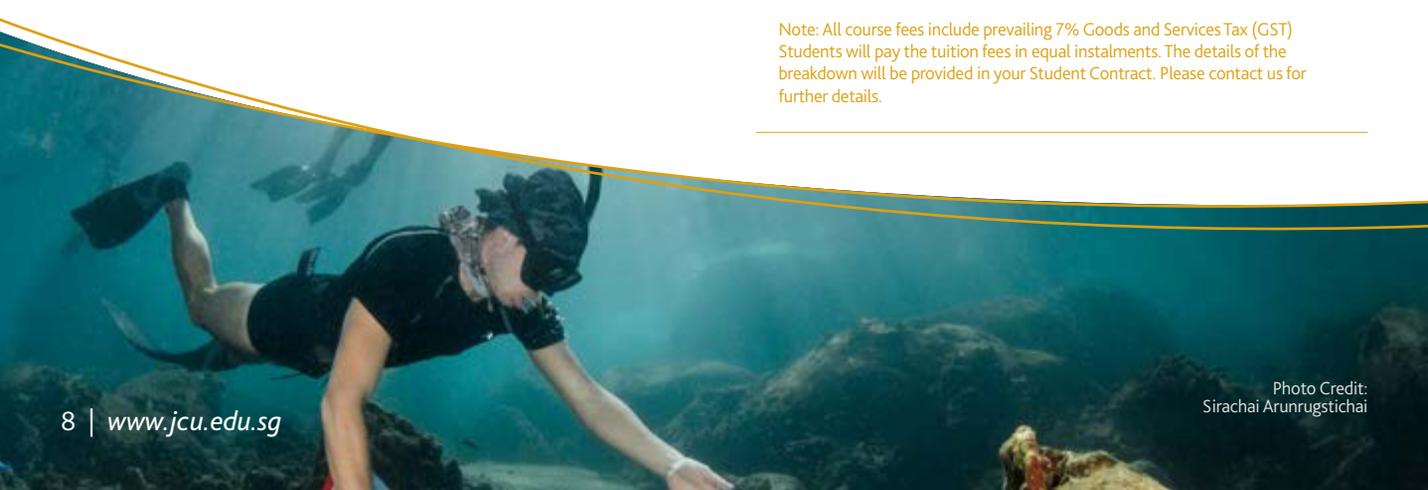
Total Tuition Fees:

S\$13,268 (International)

S\$12,840 (Domestic)*

**Fees apply to all Singapore residents (Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and all pass holders excluding those holding a Student Pass).*

Note: All course fees include prevailing 7% Goods and Services Tax (GST). Students will pay the tuition fees in equal instalments. The details of the breakdown will be provided in your Student Contract. Please contact us for further details.



Entry Requirements

Graduate Certificate of Research Methods (Tropical Environments and Societies)

Entry Requirements

Completion of at least an AQF level 8 qualification in a relevant discipline with a minimum grade point average of 5.0 (credit average) in the final year AND a grade of credit (65%) or better in a minimum of one advanced research methods or analysis subject; or other qualifications recognised by the University as equivalent.

Refer below for the course articulation level requirement.

Graduate Certificate of Research Methods (Tropical Health and Medicine)

Entry Requirements

Completion of at least a 4-year AQF level 7 bachelor degree or an AQF level 8 qualification in a relevant health, health science, medicine, medical science, or veterinary science discipline with a minimum grade point average of 5.0 (credit average) in the final year; and a grade of credit (65%) or better in a minimum of one research methods or analysis subject; or other qualifications recognised by the University as equivalent.

Refer below for the course articulation level requirement.

Course Articulation

Students seeking admission to a research higher degree should consult the University's Higher Degree by Research Requirements.

(Website: <https://www.jcu.edu.au/policy/research-education/higher-degree-by-research-requirements>)

Students seeking admission to a Masters by Research must have obtained at least a GPA 5.0 (Credit) for the Graduate Certificate of Research Methods. To be eligible to apply for direct admission to a PhD, students must have obtained at least a GPA 6.0 (Distinction) for the Graduate Certificate of Research Methods, and have successfully completed an appropriate research methods subject at AQF 8 or higher.

English Requirements

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- Successful completion of other qualifications completed in English Language deemed comparable to Australian standards within the last two years on a case-by-case basis



Graduate Diploma of Research Methods (Tropical Environments and Societies)

Study Program

Students are required to complete 24 credit points as follows.

Duration: 12 months full-time or 18 months part-time

Course Structure: 4-6 subjects in 2 terms

Intake:

Term 1 (January to June)

Term 2 (July to December)

Total Tuition Fees:

SGD 26,964 (International)

SGD 26,108 (Domestic)*

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Note: All course fees include prevailing 7% Goods and Services Tax (GST). Students will pay the tuition fees in equal instalments. The details of the breakdown will be provided in your Student Contract. Please contact us for further details.

SUBJECTS

CORE:

Research Planning in Tropical Environments and Societies
Research Project in Tropical Environments and Societies

Options

Note: Optional subjects will be determined in consultation with research supervisors and will be put on the student's study plan.

Select 6 credit points* of any postgraduate Research Methods subject/s



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**1 subject worth 6 credit points or 2 subjects each worth 3 credit points*

Graduate Diploma of Research Methods (Tropical Health and Medicine)

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Course Structure: 4-6 subjects in 2 terms

Intake:

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CORE:

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Research Project in Tropical Health and Medicine

Options

Select 6 credit points of postgraduate Research Methods subjects from List 1



Select 6 credit points of postgraduate coursework or research dissertation subjects from a specified range of fields

List 1

Qualitative Research Methods for Health Professionals
Planning and Evaluation for Primary Health Care
Practice Development Project
Evaluation and Research
Epidemiology for Public Health
Biostatistics for Public Health
Qualitative Research Methods for Public Health Practitioners

Entry Requirements

Graduate Diploma of Research Methods (Tropical Environments and Societies)

Entry Requirements

Completion of at least an AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a relevant discipline, with a minimum grade point average of 5.0 (credit average) in the final year; or other qualifications recognised by the University as equivalent.

Refer below for the course articulation level requirement.

Graduate Diploma of Research Methods (Tropical Health and Medicine)

Entry Requirements

Completion of at least an AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a relevant health, health science, medicine, medical science, or veterinary science discipline; with a minimum grade point average of 5.0 (credit average) in the final year; or other qualifications recognised by the University as equivalent.

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Advanced Standing

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