

# 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 300 universities in the world<sup>1,2</sup>. 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, Science, Commerce, Accounting, 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, aquaculture research and teaching facility, financial lab and access to a variety of sporting facilities.

## James Cook University Inter-campus Exchange 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 designed to ensure that the students get the best possible outcomes from their years of study with the university, which operates across two countries.

## 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.

## Tropical Futures Institute

Given that research is a core component of the university, James Cook University established the Tropical Futures Institute to leverage off the university's research capability and strength and that creates substantive value-add to the research ecosystems of Singapore and the ASEAN region. The Tropical Futures Institute is the first research institute established by an Australian university in Singapore.

## James Cook Academy

Established in 2021, James Cook Academy is a wholly-owned subsidiary of James Cook University in Singapore, and marks the University's entry into Continuing Professional Development (CPD). This includes short courses and training programs in Industry 4.0 and areas that fit the needs of the Singapore workforce and community.

In support of this mission, James Cook Academy has acquired Eagle Infotech — which offers a wide range of short courses in information technology, digital marketing, communication, and more — to help working adults upgrade their skills and remain relevant and employable in today's ever-changing world.

James Cook Academy will support Eagle Infotech to further diversify its course offerings and delivery modes to deliver flexible and personalised programs, and will collaborate with industry partners and leverage EdTech to grow the CPD business in Singapore and the region.

<sup>1</sup> 2022 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings

<sup>2</sup> The 2021 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU)

\* Terms and conditions apply



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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](http://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 Fee Protection Scheme Group Insurance. All students from James Cook University are covered hospitalization, surgery and treatment costs in accordance to insurance policy term and conditions under the Group Hospitalisation and Surgical insurance scheme. 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.ssg.gov.sg/cpe/pei.html](http://www.ssg.gov.sg/cpe/pei.html)

# 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 and Secondary Advisor and, in some cases, an 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:** S\$136,951 (International)  
S\$130,326 (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

All applicants must normally demonstrate academic capacity at a satisfactory level (Grade Point Average of Credit or equivalent) in their final year of coursework study that was used as part of the basis for admission.

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

### Recognition of Prior Learning

Applicants seeking to transfer their Higher Degree by Research candidature from another Australian University should refer to the JCU Recognition of Prior Learning Procedure.



# 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 and Secondary Advisor 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:** S\$68,855 (International)

S\$65,484 (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

- All applicants must normally demonstrate academic capacity at a satisfactory level (Grade Point Average of Credit or equivalent) in their final year of coursework study that was used as part of the basis for admission.
- To be eligible to apply for entry to a Research Masters degree an applicant must demonstrate the capacity to undertake research at the Research Masters level by the attainment of a Bachelor's Degree with either a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 5.5 in the final full time year of study, or with demonstrated research experience.
- Applicants for a Research Masters degree who have not already successfully completed an appropriate research methods subject must enrol in and successfully complete an appropriate research methods subject preferably before their Confirmation of Candidature Milestone, in addition to the normal course requirements.
- Applicants for a Research Masters degree that includes compulsory research methodology training in addition to the normal course requirements may be admitted on the basis of an appropriate Bachelor's degree.

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
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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

### Recognition of Prior Learning

Applicants seeking to transfer their Higher Degree by Research candidature from another Australian University should refer to the JCU Recognition of Prior Learning Procedure.



# 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  
1 year part time

**Course Structure:** 2 subjects in 1 term

**Intake:** Term 1 (January to June)  
Term 2 (July to December)

**Total Tuition Fees:** S\$13,482 (International)  
S\$13,054 (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

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## 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.

### 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

- 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



# 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  
1 year part time

**Course Structure:** 2 subjects in 1 term

**Intake:** Term 1 (January to June)  
Term 2 (July to December)

**Total Tuition Fees:** S\$13,482 (International)  
S\$13,054 (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

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## 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.

### 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

- 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



# Graduate Diploma of Research Methods (Tropical Environments and Societies)

## Study Program

Students are required to complete 24 credit points as follows.

**Duration:** 1 year full time  
2 years part time

**Course Structure:** 4-6 subjects in 2 terms

**Intake:** Term 1 (January to June)  
Term 2 (July to December)

**Total Tuition Fees:** S\$27,394 (International)  
S\$26,536 (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

Asia Pacific Development: Culture and Globalisation  
Ecological Research Methods  
Scientific Research Methods  
Research Dissertation  
Introduction to Educational Research  
Career and Leisure Guidance and Counselling  
Behaviour Management  
Assessment  
Atypical Development  
Foundations of Counselling Theory  
Foundations of Counselling Practice  
Advanced Counselling  
Educational Leadership  
Leading for Change in Curriculum and Pedagogy  
Education for Sustainability  
Social Learning Perspectives for a Sustainable Future  
Communicating Sustainability and Climate Change  
Individual Researched Action Project  
Qualitative Research Methods for Health Professionals  
Planning and Evaluation for Primary Health Care  
Clinical Epidemiology  
Policy Analysis and Management  
Shifting Geopolitical Environments in Emerging States  
Research Planning in Tropical Environments and Societies  
Research Project in Tropical Environments and Societies  
Post-Graduate Research Methods for the Social Sciences  
Epidemiology for Public Health  
Biostatistics for Public Health  
Special Topic 1  
Special Topic 2  
Quantitative Methods in Science  
Professional Placement  
Research Project (Part 1 of 2)  
Research Project (Part 2 of 2)  
Data Mining



Select 6 credit points\* of any postgraduate subjects

# 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.

### Course Articulation

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

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### Advanced Standing

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

### 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 Health and Medicine)

## Study Program

Students are required to complete 24 credit points as follows.

**Duration:** 1 year full time  
2 years part time

**Course Structure:** 4-6 subjects in 2 terms

**Intake:** Term 1 (January to June)  
Term 2 (July to December)

**Total Tuition Fees:** S\$27,394 (International)  
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## SUBJECTS

### CORE:

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

### Options

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

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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  
Clinical Epidemiology  
Epidemiology for Public Health  
Biostatistics for Public Health  
Applied Protocol Writing



# Entry Requirements

## 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.

### Course Articulation

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### Advanced Standing

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### English Requirements

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