Minimum academic entry requirements for higher degree by research programs

Where a qualification is stated below to meet a requirement, qualifications at higher AQF levels, or equivalent, also meet the requirement.

Master by research programs
1. Applicants for master by research programs must have completed one of the following from a recognised higher education institution:
   1.1. a four year bachelor degree, with at least a credit average in the final undergraduate year, or
   1.2. another recognised award deemed to be equivalent in character and standard to a four year undergraduate degree.
2. Alternatively applicants may provide evidence of appropriate academic qualifications and experience that satisfies the Dean, School of Graduate Research or nominee that the applicant has developed knowledge of the field of study or cognate field and the potential for research sufficient to undertake the proposed program.
3. The applicant’s proposed research project must meet the following conditions:
   3.1. supervision, support, facilities and funding are available sufficient to enable timely completion of the research project, and
4. The proposed research topic is aligned with the school’s or (at a campus outside Australia) centre’s research profile.

Doctor of philosophy programs
5. Applicants for doctor of philosophy programs must have completed one of the following from a recognised higher education institution:
   5.1. a master by research degree; or
   5.2. a master by coursework degree which includes research courses or a research project with a duration of at least 25% of a full-time (or equivalent part-time) academic year and an overall distinction average, or
   5.3. a four year bachelor honours degree with a minimum H2A achieved across the four years, or
   5.4. a three year bachelor degree and a one year bachelor honours degree program with a minimum H2A achieved in the honours year, or
   5.5. another recognised award deemed to be equivalent in character and standard to the above qualifications and levels of achievement.
6. Alternatively applicants may:
   6.1. provide evidence of appropriate academic qualifications and experience that satisfies the Dean of the School of Graduate Research or nominee that the applicant has developed knowledge of the field of study or cognate field and the potential for research sufficient to undertake the proposed program, or
   6.2. have current candidature for an RMIT master by research program and be approved for transfer to a doctor of philosophy program through the process prescribed in the RMIT Higher Degree by Research policy and processes.
7. The applicant’s proposed research project must meet the following conditions:
   7.1. supervision, support, facilities and funding are available, sufficient to enable timely completion of the research project, and
8. the proposed research topic is aligned with the school's research profile.

9. Schools will only recommend applicants for admission if the School can provide:
   9.1. at least two supervisors, and
   9.2. a level of support, facilities and funding sufficient to enable the timely completion of the candidate's agreed program of study.