School of Graduate Research

The Application Process

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Higher Degree by Research Admissions at RMIT

The process of collating your application can be time consuming, however, it is in your interest to make sure you submit a complete and timely application.

Application for candidature involves three steps:

• 1. Find a program that fits your research interests and confirm eligibility

• 2. Find a Supervisor

• 3. Complete and submit the application form and supporting documents
Admissions Periods

- RMIT accepts applications for admissions twice per academic year:
  - Main Round (September to March include scholarship application submitted by 31 October)
  - Mid-Year (May-August)

- You may apply for both a scholarship place and admission to a degree.
- The same ranking system is used for both a scholarship place and admission to a degree.
Awarding Funded Places and Scholarships

• All domestic and offshore applications will be ranked based on a model that has been approved by RMIT’s Research Committee. This model takes into account of a number of factors:
  • Academic history - scores will be on the past 2 years of undergraduate and/or postgraduate study
  • Professional and research experience
  • Publication(s)
  • Whether your proposed research aligns to the University’s research priorities
  • Whether the enrolling School has the capacity to supervise and support your candidature
Research Scholarships

• Research Scholarships at RMIT are awarded to students of exceptional research potential.

Scholarships available to students include:
• Australian Postgraduate Award (APA)
• RMIT PhD & Masters Scholarship

Scholarships available to International students include:
• International Postgraduate Research Scholarship
• RMIT University International Research Scholarship

Other types of scholarships
• RMIT Conference Travel Fund
• Higher Degree by Research Publication Award
• School and discipline based scholarships

More detailed information can be obtained on the RMIT website: www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships
Eligibility Requirements

PhD

• Completion of a Honours degree with 1st class honours or upper 2\textsuperscript{nd} class honours

• Completion of masters with research component of at least one semester.

Masters

• Completion of Bachelors degree with at least a credit average in your final year.

• May be eligible with other qualifications and experience.
Align Your Research

• All applicants for a postgraduate research program at RMIT University must have a proposed research topic that is aligned with at least one of RMIT’s identified research strengths.

• Your discussion with the academic staff in your proposed school will assist you to identify whether your research proposal will be an appropriate fit for RMIT’s research strengths.

• Visit the research strengths page to see how your proposed topic of research aligns with the University’s diverse strengths.

Website for further details:
www.rmit.edu.au/graduateresearch
Closing Dates

• 31 October every year for scholarship places for the following year

• 31 October for timely degree applications for the following year

• Application for degree applications will be accepted until 31 March or all places are awarded.

• Applicants are advised to apply early
More information

Further information can also be obtained from the:

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Questions