RMIT University is one of Australia’s original and leading educational institutions. As an innovative, global university of technology, with its heart in the city of Melbourne, RMIT has an international reputation for excellence in work-relevant education, high quality research, and engagement with the needs of industry and community.

With more than 65,000 students studying at RMIT, the University is one of the largest in the country. It has built a worldwide reputation for excellence in professional and vocational education and research. A vibrant alumni community now stretches across more than 100 countries. RMIT is a member of the Australian Technology Network of Universities (ATN), a coalition of five universities that share a heritage of working with industry and a united vision to provide career-driven, technology-oriented education for tomorrow’s leaders. RMIT is also a member of the Global U8 Consortium.

With over 60 PhD candidates currently enrolled in their studies, the School of Computer Science and Information Technology (CSIT) is world famous for its research. Most recently, global software giant Microsoft selected RMIT University as the only Australian University to receive research funding through its $US1 million ‘Beyond Search’ program.

Researchers from the School of Computer Science and Information Technology will receive funding for a 12-month project that will improve the usability of Microsoft’s Internet search engines. Microsoft spokeswoman Lisa Hildebrandt said: “the application by the RMIT team showcased innovative research in the semantic computing space while also addressing the human-computer interaction aspects of semantic search”.

The School’s teaching quality has also been recognised in official RMIT student surveys where Computer Science and Information Technology academics were ranked amongst the best lecturers in Science, Engineering and Technology, for both 2006 and 2007.

The School’s graduates are keenly sought after in the exciting and growing IT industry, with approximately 90% of recent graduates finding employment soon after graduation.

Two year packaged IT program

Students who have completed either a three or four year diploma or degree from a recognised college or university and have achieved at least a 70% grade average and who have studied at least 0.5 years of IT as part of the diploma or degree will be eligible to apply for up to two years advanced standing into the BP232 Bachelor of Technology (Computing Studies) degree.

The BP232 program is designed to ensure that students graduate with a core set of basic but modern IT skills suitable for laying the groundwork for a career as a software developer. There is a strong emphasis on carefully developed practical skills so that students are job-ready.

Students will study an especially tailored year within the BP232 degree which will prepare them for advanced entry into the MC062 Master of Technology (Information Technology) degree.

The MC062 masters degree allows students to deepen their expertise in software development and information technology by specialising in a chosen field. The specialisations that are currently offered by the School are:

- Advanced Databases
- Computer Security
- Intelligent Systems
- Networked and Distributed Systems
- Search Engines
- Software Engineering
- Web-based Computing
- Bioinformatics

Further details about the MC062 masters degree are available at

www.rmit.edu.au/csit/mc062/
Career Prospects

Students who complete the packaged program have excellent career prospects and can be expected to work in: software development and engineering; web systems; database development; software testing and QA; software project management; networking; mobile computing; and computer security.

Professional Recognition

Both the Bachelors and Master degrees are accredited at the professional level by the Australian Computer Society (ACS).

Entrance Requirements

Academic Requirements

Applicants are expected to have achieved an overall percentage of at least 70% in a recognised three or four year diploma or degree. Applicants who have completed at least 0.5 years of approved computer science or information technology as part of their prior studies are expected to study one year at RMIT to complete the RMIT Bachelors program. Applicants with no prior recognised study in IT are expected to study 1.5 years at RMIT in order to complete the Bachelors program. Each application will be considered carefully. Students are encouraged to submit IT related syllabi to support their application.

Graduates of the BP232 degree who have achieved an average of at least 60% at RMIT will be eligible for advanced standing so as to complete the MC062 masters degree through one more year of study at RMIT.

English Language Requirements

One of the following:

IELTS — (Academic) 6.5+ (no band less than 6.0)
TOEFL — Paper based = 580 + (TWE 4.5+)
TOEFL — Computer based = 237 + (TWE 4.5+)
TOEFL — Internet based (iBT) overall score 92+, minimum 20 in all sections
REW — English for Academic Purposes Advanced 2

Teaching Methods

Teaching consists of a mix of master classes and workshops, online support and interactive project teams using a variety of tools.

Assessment

Assessment is ongoing throughout the semester and may include examinations, essay/reports, oral class presentations, group projects, research projects, laboratory projects and practical assignments.

Application Procedures

Closing date:

Apply anytime. There are two intakes: February and July

Apply via:

www.rmit.edu.au/international/future
Tel: +61 3 9925 5156
Email: jSapplications@rmit.edu.au
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Fees

Tuition fees are subject to annual adjustment and are not fixed for the duration of study. Changes to fees are applied from 1 January each year. For up-to-date fee information please visit:

www.rmit.edu.au/international/programfees

Fee reductions

The School of Computer Science and IT provides an alumni discount of $AU2,000 (off the fee) for those students who upon completing the BP232 Bachelor degree component enrol in the MC062 masters degree component.

Details can be found at:

www.rmit.edu.au/csit/alumni

Record spend on RMIT scholarships

RMIT University will spend more than $AU60 million on student scholarships over the next five years. RMIT has many scholarships and funding opportunities to offer students. Further information is available at

www.rmit.edu.au/students/scholarships

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