

# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR A HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH



## What to do now:

1. Check your eligibility for the degree you wish to apply for on this form (Section 2).
2. Identify a potential advisor or advisors for your area of research interest. There is a website to assist students with this (see: <http://www.jcu.edu.au/grs>). Applicants intending to study at the JCU Singapore Campus should complete this form and forward it to Dr Pauline Appleyard, JCU Singapore Research Manager: [Pauline.Appleyard@jcu.edu.au](mailto:Pauline.Appleyard@jcu.edu.au).
3. Once you have identified a potential advisor or advisors and checked your eligibility, complete the rest of this Expression of Interest form (Sections 1, 3, 4 and 5). Please note you must complete ALL sections before submitting this form.

**IMPORTANT:** Please note that the Expression of Interest is an inquiry only and does not guarantee eligibility or acceptance to a higher degree by research at James Cook University, nor constitute part or all of an application for admission to a research degree.

## 1. Prospective Student Details (student to complete)

First / Given Name:

Surname/Family Name:

Email address:

Phone number:

International or Domestic student (please tick):

International

Domestic

Degree to be applied for (e.g. PhD):

Proposed start date (month and year):

Title of proposed study:

I intend to study:

Full-time (at least 40 hours per week)

Part-time (at least 15 hours per week)

### Previous qualifications:

Title of degree	Institution	Year completed

Do you have any other research experience, such as writing a thesis or publishing a research paper? If yes, please elaborate:

## 2. Eligibility for Degree (student to complete)

All applicants must meet the entry criteria for the degree for which they wish to apply. **If you do not meet these criteria**, there may be other pathways for entry, such as completion of a Graduate Certificate in Research Methods, to gain eligibility for a higher degree by research. If this is the case you should contact the school to which you wish to apply for further information before completing this form.

**Entry requirements for all higher degree by research degrees, including English Language proficiency can be viewed at: [http://www.jcu.edu.au/grs/JCUDEV\\_015301.html](http://www.jcu.edu.au/grs/JCUDEV_015301.html)**

Please indicate below which degree you wish to apply for and tick the relevant entry criteria. Please note that a Professional Doctorate is significantly different from a PhD and you should be sure which one you wish to apply for:

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)</b> <i>I have, or will soon complete at least one of the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors Honours degree with Class I or IIa with a research component of at least 0.5 years full time study or part time equivalent <i>OR</i></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Masters by Research degree <i>OR</i></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Postgraduate coursework qualification with a research component of at least 0.5 years full time study or part time equivalent <i>OR</i></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Qualifications and experience (e.g. Masters by coursework and research publications) equivalent to the above (specify below)</li></ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Professional Doctorate</b> <i>I have, or will soon complete at least one of the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors Honours degree with Class I or IIa with a research component of at least 0.5 year full time study or part time equivalent <i>OR</i></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Masters by Research degree <i>OR</i></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Postgraduate coursework qualification with a research component of at least 0.5 years full time study or part time equivalent <i>OR</i></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Qualifications and experience (e.g. Masters by coursework and research publications) equivalent to the above (specify on next page)</li></ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Masters by Research / Philosophy</b> <i>I have, or will soon complete at least one of the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors degree with Honours <i>OR</i></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors degree and a Graduate Diploma or Certificate in Research Methods <i>OR</i></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> I have qualifications and experience equivalent to the above (specify on next page)</li></ul>	<p><i>AND</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> At least five years of professional experience</li></ul>

### ALL applicants must meet the English Language Proficiency Requirements

Please indicate how you meet these requirements below.

See [http://www.jcu.edu.au/international/apply/entry/JCUPRD1\\_073732.html](http://www.jcu.edu.au/international/apply/entry/JCUPRD1_073732.html) for further information.

At least two years of my tertiary (University) education have been undertaken in English in a country where English is the main language:

- I meet the requirements for JCU Entry Band 2 or above
- I plan to undertake an English Language test prior to commencing

### 3. Proposed Project / Area of Research Interest (student to complete)

Please indicate your area of research interest (e.g. coral reef studies, molecular biology, medicine, linguistics):

Do you have a particular research topic or question you wish to undertake?                      Yes                      No

If you answered *Yes*, please elaborate below:

If you answered *No*, are there specific areas in which you would like to undertake research?  
Please elaborate below:

If you are interested in applying for a degree with the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Molecular Sciences please consider the Cohort Doctoral Studies program which provides additional support through a peer group, networking opportunities, academic mentors and professional development opportunities. Students start and proceed through their research degree with a group of students in similar research fields, reducing isolation and enhancing their research degree experience. Contact Dr Melissa Crowe for further information (Phone (07) 4781 5610 or email [Melissa.Crowe@jcu.edu.au](mailto:Melissa.Crowe@jcu.edu.au)) and visit [http://www.jcu.edu.au/fmhms/research/JCU\\_082646.html](http://www.jcu.edu.au/fmhms/research/JCU_082646.html)

### 4. Potential Advisors (Student to complete)

Who have you identified as potential advisors for your project? Please complete the table below:

Name of Advisor	School of Advisor	Prior contact regarding research degree? (Y/N)

## 5. Project Funding (Student to complete)

Please indicate any funding you have either obtained or intend to apply for to support your candidature and project. Tuition fees are payable by International students, unless covered by sponsorship arrangements.

Domestic students are not liable for tuition fees.

### Tuition fees (*International students only*)

- I have a sponsor – please provide details:
  
- I will apply for a scholarship which covers tuition fees
- I will pay the tuition fees myself

### Living costs (e.g. rent, groceries and utilities) (*International and Domestic*)

- I have a sponsorship which provides a living allowance – please provide details:
  
- I will apply for a scholarship with a stipend to cover costs of living
- I will pay my costs of living myself

### Project costs (i.e. the costs directly related to the proposed research project)

All students are eligible for limited financial assistance with project costs from their School up to a maximum of \$1,500 AUD per year (maximum of \$4500 for doctoral candidates and \$3000 for masters candidates) and may be eligible for additional Graduate Research Scheme funding (generally up to a maximum of \$3000 AUD in total).

Project costs which exceed this amount must be funded from another source, e.g. grant money awarded to advisors.

- My project costs will likely fall within the minimum School resources provided
- I have additional funding for my project costs – provide details below:
  
- I will need to seek additional funding for my project costs

## What to do now

Once you have completed this form you should submit it to the advisors you have indicated above (email addresses can be found at: <http://www.jcu.edu.au/staff/>).

You may also submit it to the School which has advisors in your area of research interest (see <http://www-public.jcu.edu.au/about/organisation/bytype/index.htm>).

If you are intending to study at the JCU Singapore campus please submit this form to:  
[Pauline.Appleyard@jcu.edu.au](mailto:Pauline.Appleyard@jcu.edu.au)

If you have any further questions about the Expression of Interest (Inquiry) or Application process, please contact the Graduate Research School at [GRS@jcu.edu.au](mailto:GRS@jcu.edu.au)

## What will happen now?

The advisors you have forwarded this form to will respond, either directly to you or by completing Section 6 below, indicating if they are interested in supervising your project and if they wish you to provide additional information.

Please be aware that advisors may be overseas or in the field for extended periods without access to email, however if you have not received a reply within four weeks, you should contact the School in which the Advisor works.

If an advisor(s) has indicated their interest, you will need to discuss with them the details of your proposed project and develop a draft project proposal. This proposal will need to be submitted with your Application for Admission and must be completed on the Preliminary Project Proposal Form for Admission to a Higher Degree by Research (see [http://www.jcu.edu.au/grs/JCU\\_118704.html](http://www.jcu.edu.au/grs/JCU_118704.html)). Your advisory panel and the relevant Head of School will both need to sign the Preliminary Project Proposal Form to indicate their support for your application.

At this time you should also check the relevant due dates for applications for candidature and scholarships, to ensure that should an advisor express interest, you can plan your time to ensure you have your completed application ready by the due date.

**It is important to note that agreement by an advisor to supervise your project does not mean you will be accepted for the degree. All eligibility requirements must be met and the application approved by the School, relevant Faculty and Graduate Research School for an offer to be made by JCU.**

## 6. Response to Expression of Interest (Advisor to complete)

Advisors must respond to Expressions of Interest that have been submitted to them, by returning this form to the School Postgraduate Officer with the section below completed.

**Prospective Student's Name:**

**Advisor's Name:**

Please indicate below your response to this inquiry:

- I am interested in supervising you for this research degree and project, please contact me to discuss this further.
- I am potentially interested in supervising you as a research student; however I have a different research project in mind. If you are interested, please contact me.
- I am potentially interested in supervising you in this research area, but require further information before I am able to make a full assessment. The information I require is:
  - I am sorry but I do not believe I am the most appropriate person for this research topic or I am not currently available to supervise research students, therefore I would suggest you contact the following:
    - Potential alternate advisors (please name):
    - The School for further information about other potential advisors.
  - Other (please specify):

Further comments: