Inspiring Minds

Your research degree at Flinders

Flinders University
Adelaide, Australia

inspiring achievement
Welcome to Flinders University

Research, in all its forms, is fundamental to our future. It supports scientific discoveries, underpins new products, and shapes the lifestyle of our communities.

For researchers, it is an exciting journey as ideas and concepts are explored and examined – and breakthroughs are made. Flinders University has a wide-ranging and active research program across the University’s four faculties, addressing some of the big environmental, social and economic challenges facing our society. Specific projects are searching for cures to cancer, enhancing water supplies, designing medical devices, developing new economic models, exploring marine science, understanding cultural heritage, and crafting the classrooms of the future.

Collaborative research is an increasingly important component of our activities, and Flinders partners with individual companies in the private sector, all levels of government and the major research organisations.

The University has been successful in securing funding for a diverse range of projects from such key agencies as the Australian Research Council and the National Health and Medical Research Council, as well as the National Institute of Health (NIH), the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the US Department of Energy. It is also an active participant in Innovative Research Universities Australia which brings together six institutions that collaborate in areas such as research, education, internationalisation and community partnerships.

Flinders’ research opportunities have attracted highly qualified professionals from across Australia and beyond to a campus set in a stunning natural environment in the south of the dynamic, cosmopolitan city of Adelaide.
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Flinders is a leading Australian research university that places a strong emphasis on research collaboration across disciplines. Along with continued success in gaining external funding for the University’s dedicated areas of strategic research, Flinders has increased its engagement with industry and other community sectors, resulting in projects of a more applied and commercial nature.

Our profile
International research collaboration is a central element of Flinders’ research strategy. Flinders has a high research profile and consistently ranks among Australia’s top universities on a per capita basis for research spending and for the citation of work in professional journals. Flinders provides a high-quality teaching and learning environment offering research degree supervision across all disciplines.

Research and teaching centres
Based in Adelaide, Flinders University enjoys a unique range of on- and off-site facilities in South Australia, Victoria and the Northern Territory. The Flinders School of Medicine is co-located with Flinders Medical Centre, one of South Australia’s leading public teaching hospitals. The University’s Lincoln Marine Science Centre in Port Lincoln, a major aquaculture and fishing city, will expand as part of Marine Innovation South Australia, a joint initiative with the State Government. Other off-site facilities include The Centre for Remote Health in Alice Springs and the Rural Clinical School in Renmark, both vital medical training centres.

When you are seeking world-first research outcomes, Flinders University provides a safe, friendly, stimulating environment where students and teachers encourage one another in their academic pursuits.

The future looks bright
Between 2004 and 2006, research income per full-time equivalent academic staff member increased by over 46%. Total research income increased by over 66% in the same period, including an 83% increase in income from non-traditional sources. These trends are consistent with the University’s research goals, which include increasing the level of high quality research activity across the University, and building strong and productive research links with industry and other bodies.

We are proud of our achievements and welcome top students to undertake their research degrees.
Our campus

Flinders is an impressive 185-hectare site with thousands of trees, areas of natural bushland and panoramic views of the city and nearby coast.

Researching healthy outcomes

A $23m research grant from the Australian Research Council (ARC) will enable Flinders to establish a new research institute aimed at identifying how better health outcomes can be achieved throughout the population. Social exclusion and health inequity issues will be explored with the goal of positively influencing and reshaping public policy and debate.

Flinders is a single site campus located just south of Adelaide’s central business district on the land of the Kaurna people, the original Indigenous inhabitants. The School of Medicine is based in the adjacent Flinders Medical Centre (FMC) and marked the first such integration between a medical school and a public hospital in Australia when it was established in 1976. The expansion of the Health Sciences Building and School of Education is the result of recent significant investment. In fact, over five years, investments have totalled AUD$45m with additional funding now in place to build a new gym and sports centre.

Library

The Flinders University Library has four branches, more than a million books, 31,831 electronic serial titles, 46,555 print serial titles, and 36,486 current serial titles. South Australia’s three universities employ a state-of-the-art integrated library management system that allows students on-line access to the libraries at all three universities.

Campus facilities

Flinders’ campus contains shops, cafes, a post office, a bank, a pharmacy, a book store, a travel agent, and a multi faith religious centre.

Plaza

The University has recently completed a substantial redevelopment of the Plaza, a great place to relax, meet with friends and enjoy wireless internet access.

Student accommodation

Flinders University is the only university in South Australia providing student accommodation on the main campus.

University Hall is a catered collegiate residence. The Deirdre Jordan Student Village provides accommodation in self-catered 2, 3 and 5 bedroom, fully equipped units. Student residents have access to a Community Centre as well as a variety of sporting, recreational and barbecue areas throughout the Flinders Housing precinct. The Village offers a range of culturally inclusive activities for those wishing to enjoy the strong community atmosphere.

Flinders Housing provides a free, up-to-date accommodation service that lists private rental accommodation located in suburbs close to the University.
**A guide to average weekly expenses**

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**Some examples**

- A cup of coffee in a café: Ranges from $2.50-$3.50
- Parking on Flinders campus: $116 for full year
- A 10-trip student bus / train ticket: $13.50
- An student concession ticket to the movies: $12
- A meal out: Can range from $10 at a café to $20-$30+ at a restaurant

**Note:** Costs can vary from one student to another. This is a guide for a single student only. This is a guide to basic living costs, and do not include extras such as tuition fees, textbooks, any other study related needs, running a vehicle, medical expenses or any luxuries.

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**Katy Osborne**

**Currently enrolled in a PhD program**

**Research objective:** Exploring women’s participation in community groups, in order to examine the nature of ‘social capital’ that women access from such involvement, and the implications of this participation for their mental well-being.

‘The Research Higher Degree training program provided by Flinders University has been particularly helpful in offering support and useful resources to manage the process of undertaking a PhD. Also, being able to sit by the lake, or look at the views of Adelaide has made it very pleasant to study here.’
Living in Adelaide

Adelaide is the capital city of South Australia and has a multicultural population of over 1 million people.

Intelligent sunscreen
In a major breakthrough, Flinders medical scientists have developed a new generation sunscreen which protects users from the immediate, localised effects of exposure to the sun, as well as resisting damage to the body’s immune system by ultra-violet (UV) radiation.

Chris Gore
PhD Exercise
Physiology 1984-1988
‘Flinders provided solid foundations upon which I launched my career and, importantly, a number of the students with whom I studied now comprise a critical part of my network of colleagues and collaborators.’

Climate
Adelaide’s climate is often described as Mediterranean, with cool to cold winters (no snow) and hot dry summers. The hottest months are January and February and the coolest is July.

Affordable
Adelaide combines affordability with a high standard of living, and has all of the facilities and services you’d expect to find in any large capital city. Students should budget around $12,000-$15,000 Australian dollars to cover the cost of living in Adelaide for 1 year.

Accessible
Adelaide is a highly accessible city with bus, tram and train services connecting all parts of the city, beaches and suburbs.

Things to do
The fourth largest Australian state, South Australia boasts a brilliant blend of stunning beaches, sophisticated city living and breathtaking scenery, with something new to do or experience throughout the year.

Arts and culture:
- The Adelaide Festival of Arts, held every two years, is recognised as one of the three great international art festivals
- The Adelaide Fringe Festival is the largest arts event in Australia and second only to the Edinburgh Fringe on a worldwide scale
- The South Australian Museum houses the world’s most extensive collection of Aboriginal artefacts
- WOMADelaide, held every year, is part of the planet’s largest world music festival

Sport all year round:
- International cricket at the historic Adelaide Oval
- The world class Tour Down Under cycling event, part of the Pro Tour
- The Clipsal 500 V8 Supercar Series
- All codes of football to watch or play

Recreational activities:
- Bush walking in the Mount Lofty Ranges
- Scuba diving, surfing and swimming at any of Adelaide’s stunning beaches
- The Flinders Ranges and Kangaroo Island are world-class tourist attractions renowned for their natural beauty
- The southern and northern edges of Adelaide open up to wine growing regions including McLaren Vale and the Barossa Valley
- Adelaide’s Central Market is the largest fresh food market in the Southern hemisphere and has been operating since 1869.
Amanda Muller
Currently enrolled in a PhD program
Research objective:
To translate the Glasgow dialect (which is usually only spoken) into written form.

‘Flinders provides a great learning environment that respects the views of students. I admire the University’s investment in people of diverse socioeconomic backgrounds and have found many opportunities to participate in social and sports clubs. The grounds are excellent and the teachers and students friendly.’

Adelaide’s average temperature
Source: Bureau of Meteorology
Flinders at a glance

Better biofuels
In response to dwindling fuel supplies, Flinders scientists are playing a crucial role in developing second generation biofuels by helping to overcome the technological and logistical problems related to new fuel sources and processing. Our technologies will enable biofuels to make a global impact whilst overcoming the food-fuel debate.

Hetifah Sjaifudian
PhD Politics and International Relations 2006
‘Studying with four children and a husband (also studying), Flinders University has given us various forms of support, enabling our family to successfully accomplish each stage of this journey.’

Students
- Total students over 17,000
- Postgraduate over 4,500
- Undergraduate over 12,500
- Total international over 3,000 (over 18%)
- Onshore over 2,000 (A high percentage of international students come from China, Indonesia, Canada, India, Malaysia, Japan)
- Offshore approx 1,000 (China, Singapore and Malaysia)

Cultural diversity
Flinders has a highly diverse community with international students representing many nationalities, cultures, religions and languages.

International links
Flinders has international links with more than 120 universities and research institutions in Asia, Europe, North and South America.

Flinders is also a part of the International Network of Universities, and has bilateral student exchange agreements with 75 universities around the world. Visit [www.flinders.edu.au/international](http://www.flinders.edu.au/international).

Ranking
As demonstrated by the 2007 Shanghai Jiao-Tong University Academic Ranking of World Universities, Flinders University is:
- in the top 10 universities in Australia,
- in the top 64 universities in the Asia-Pacific region, and
- in the top 400 universities in the world.

Staff
Total academic staff approximately 750
Flinders staff have consistently won Australian awards for University teaching, including the Prime Ministers Award, Award for University Teacher of the Year in 2004 and 2006. And in 2008, two Flinders staff became the first overseas recipients to be honoured with a Senior Fellowship by the UK’s Higher Education Academy.

Alumni
Flinders has over 52,000 alumni with significant numbers living in Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, US, UK, Canada and Japan, among other countries.

High achieving alumni include:
- Professor Terence Tao, Professor of Mathematics at UCLA and the first Australian to win the Fields Medal, the equivalent of a Nobel Prize in Mathematics.
- Dr Mamoru Mohri, Japan’s first astronaut and the executive director of Tokyo’s National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation.
- Professor Rodney Brooks, Head of Artificial Intelligence Laboratory at MIT and designer of the first Mars robots in the 1990s.
- Scott Hicks, Australian filmmaker who earned seven Oscar nominations for the film ‘Shine’.

*Facts are correct as of 2007*
Flagship research

Flinders has identified 17 Areas of Strategic Research Investment (ASRIs) upon which the University is concentrating its research efforts and for which it is providing significant resources to ensure development and growth. The ASRIs are intended to maximise research output and attract high quality research students and staff. It also provides a way of developing higher levels of research performance in early career researchers.

Aboriginal Health

Positioning Flinders to become a leading Aboriginal health research provider in partnership with Aboriginal and other stakeholders.

The Flinders Aboriginal Health and Research Unit’s health scientists, educators and psychologists, based in Adelaide and Alice Springs, are core partners in the Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for Aboriginal Health, Associate Partners in the CRC for Desert Knowledge and the national Centre for Clinical Research Excellence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health.

Applied Cognitive Psychology

Addressing a diverse array of contemporary human phenomena, suggesting practical solutions for many real world problems.

Flinder’s concentration of internationally-renowned researchers in fundamental areas of human cognition apply cognitive psychological principles to practical issues as diverse as autism, brain function in psychopathology, decision-making, eating disorders, eyewitness memory, human adaptation throughout the lifespan, trauma reactions, and sleep disorders.
**Biosknowledge**

**Understanding and interpreting processes that affect the conservation and functioning of Australia’s biodiversity and landscapes.**

Future plans of state and national governments address environmentally sustainable development in parallel with conservation. This group brings together researchers from ecology, ecotourism, cultural tourism, earth sciences, geography, screen studies and education to create a knowledge base for implementing such plans.

**Cancer Control Alliance**

**Seeking to reduce the impact and burden of cancer through excellence in cancer research and its translation into clinical practice.**

The Flinders Cancer Control Alliance brings together researchers and practitioners to develop strategies and innovative solutions for the control of cancer through prevention, screening, clinical trials of new cancer therapies, and better treatments and support for people.

**Coasts and Catchments**

**Research expertise which encompass the whole of the water cycle.**

The Flinders Research Centre for Coastal and Catchment Environments brings exceptional multidisciplinary capability to research which will guide the sustainable management of aspects of the water cycle, relevant to coastal and catchment environments.

**Nanostructures**

**Research at the intersection of molecular science and nanotechnology.**

Novel, innovative and cross-disciplinary research unites medical researchers, chemists, physicists, biologists and biotechnologists in the task of improving people’s quality of life. This includes providing advances in health care, cleaner choices in environmental management, and greater choices and efficiency for the advanced manufacturing industries.

**Clinical Change**

**Filling critical gaps in our knowledge on chronic disease management, and later and end-of-life health care for older adults.**

The Flinders Centre for Clinical Change and Health Care Research aims to build an evidence base for the planning of optimum treatments and cost effective coordinated models of health care delivery in a variety of settings such as hospitals, intermediate care, residential and primary care.
Cultural Heritage and Exchange
Bringing together those who study the nature of our cultural heritage with those who study the way in which this heritage develops.

The Humanities Research Centre for Cultural Heritage and Cultural Exchange is a group of over 80 researchers reflecting Flinders University’s distinctive combination of research across archaeology, major European languages, history, cinema studies and cultural tourism. One developing focus is the use of open access publishing and digital repositories for the exchange of knowledge generated by the group.

Educational Futures
Creating a knowledge base for educational action.

Research in the Centre for Analysis of Educational Futures is directed towards the development and use of evidence that will support sound educational policy and practice. Centre staff work with university colleagues, educational organisations and industry to help specify research needs, identify sources of funding support and undertake research that will provide a sound basis for future educational action.

Eye and Vision Collaborative Group
Improving outcomes for patients with blinding eye conditions.

This multidisciplinary Eye and Vision Collaborative Group’s focus is on the relationship between vision and the health and wellbeing of individuals and populations. The group has many collaborative partners and is actively pursuing links with relevant industries, particularly the optics industry centred in Adelaide.

Flinders International Asia Pacific
Researching issues that impact on security and wellbeing in Australia and the Asia Pacific region.

Australia’s security and prosperity are closely linked with those of its regional neighbours. This group offers research and consulting expertise across a range of contemporary and future transnational policy, security, justice and development issues that link Australia to the Asia Pacific Region. The group is developing marketable applications of its research, appropriate to the needs of industry, government and communities.

Health and Society
Conducting policy and practice-relevant research into the social and economic determinants of health.

The Health and Society group provides a focus for Flinders’ established reputation for research into the ways in which a range of social and economic factors can influence health outcomes and access to health care and services. These factors include: employment and the labour market; housing and the structure of suburban environments; and economic, social and structural determinants of risky and unhealthy behaviours. The group is a national leader in research into the social, cultural and economic factors that promote health and those factors that impede access to health and other related service use.
Medical Devices and Technologies

Medical devices and technologies represent one of the most rapidly growing and dynamic sectors of the global economy.

Technological advances in biology and medicine increasingly depend on contributions from the physical sciences, mathematics and engineering. They emerge from basic research applied, through design and development, to clinical trials and commercialisation.

Immune Strategies

Finding new and better ways to counter infectious diseases, autoimmunity, and allergy.

The Immune Strategies Research Group is a major national centre for immunology, infectious disease and inflammation research, with a particular focus on translational clinical research. Its research ranges across the spectrum from basic immunology design and development, to vaccine and immunotherapy clinical trials. Its members are researchers from the physical sciences, mathematics, engineering, and imaging, with expertise covering infectious disease, the innate immune system, vaccines, autoantibody-mediated diseases, inflammatory eye disease, allergy, diabetes, vascular disease, neuroscience, monoclonal antibody production, diagnostic tests, and pharmacology.

Musculoskeletal Health

Addressing the significant economic and social burden of chronic musculoskeletal conditions.

Musculoskeletal disease and injury are among the biggest causes of chronic disability in the Australian community and many other OECD countries. The Musculoskeletal Health Research Group at Flinders University specialises in the prevention and cost effective management of musculoskeletal disorders. Its multidisciplinary approach builds on the University’s established strengths in areas such as chronic disease and ageing, which have been identified as national health priorities in Australia.

Neuroscience

Addressing broad questions at the forefront of research into the brain, mind and nervous system.

Neuroscience research will translate into improved health care, commercialisation of inventions, and the development of health, education and social policy to address the huge direct and indirect costs arising from disorders of the brain and mind.

Social Monitoring

Monitoring and analysing our community and social life to explore future options for society and policy.

This research group brings together policy analysts with wide expertise in monitoring and assessing key dimensions of social change. Its research generates in-depth understanding of specific social issues and problems, along with knowledge of broad social trends.
Areas of research

While Flinders has identified 17 dedicated areas of research investment, students are encouraged to explore other research options. These may include one or a combination of research areas as listed below.

Sustainable seafood
With the establishment of Australia’s largest co-operative research centre, The Australian Seafood Co-operative Research Centre, new opportunities for seafood innovation are expected to flow. Through the $6.6m expansion of Flinders Lincoln Marine Science Centre at Port Lincoln, South Australia is establishing itself as a world-class centre for marine science, education and industry development.

Aboriginal Health
Accounting
Ageing Studies
American Studies
Applied Linguistics
Aquaculture
Archaeology
Asian Studies
Australia – US relations
Australian Government and Politics
Australian Legal Aid Policy
Australian Studies
Biochemistry
Biodiversity and Conservation
Bioinformatics
Biological Sciences
Biomedical and Electronic Engineering
Biotechnology
Business Economics
Business Studies
Chemistry
Child and Adolescent Health
Child Protection
Clinical Care
Clinical Pharmacology
Commerce
Commercial Law
Computer and Electronic Engineering
Computer Science
Creative Arts
Creative Writing
Criminal Justice
Cultural Tourism
Development Studies
Diabetes Education
Disability and Community Rehabilitation
Disaster Nursing
Drama
Drug and Alcohol Addiction
Earth Sciences
Ecology, Behaviour and Evolution
Ecotourism
Education/Education Studies (see also Special Education)
Electronics and Instrumentation
English
Entrepreneurship

Environmental Health
Environmental Hydrology and Water Resources
Environmental Management
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
Finance
Forensic and Analytical Chemistry
French
Gastroenterology
Geographical Information Systems
Geography
Geophysics
Globalisation
Haematology
Health and Society
Health Sciences
Health Studies
History
Human Behaviour and Health
Human Physiology
Human Resource Management
Hypertension/Cardiology
Wendy Abigail
Currently enrolled in a PhD program
Research objective:
To examine the issues of fertility management/control in women over 30 years old.
‘I have made lots of great friendships with many other students, particularly the international students who have so much to offer. We share our cultural differences and learn from each other and have a lot of fun at the same time. There is a great deal of support at the university in the form of optional education sessions I choose to attend. These are great, as not only do you learn useful information, you get to meet other research higher degree students from all the different faculties in the university.’
Nutrition’s many faces
Flinders researchers are exploring the potential of nutrients to protect against diseases including Alzheimer’s Disease, cardio-vascular disease and cancer. The idea that variations in our genetic makeup can cause identical nutrients to produce profoundly differing effects in our health lies behind Nutrigenomics, an exciting and relatively new branch of science.

Supporting your study
With a range of programs to support students, Flinders has a solid reputation as a university deeply committed to the well-being of students.

Our Research Higher Degree Professional Development Program is an example of our support. Available to all students, it has received significant national recognition. Each year workshops, seminars and lectures are offered to research students. This program:

- equips students with the skills they require (e.g., information sourcing, experimental designs, computer literacy and research methodologies)
- provides activities that will develop basic and transferable skills (e.g., oral and written communication skills, project management)
- assists students to complete their candidature within the prescribed time-frame by developing the necessary personal skills (e.g., reducing procrastination, goal-setting, motivation, confidence and time management).

The University’s Student Learning Centre provides support for students in their academic writing, practice and provides feedback on their work. Visit www.flinders.edu.au/slc for more information.

Our commitment to research students, studying full-time on-campus includes:

- their own desk or equivalent work space
- secure storage facilities
- use of a computer with document preparation, email and internet software
- a computer account
- use of a telephone for local calls
- maintenance support for consumables such as stationery, photocopy, printing, library costs, and other research-related items.
Flinders has a strong reputation for supporting students and provides a wide range of services to assist them, including:

- a health and counselling service
- child care options at the Flinders University Child Care Centre and the Community Child Care Centre (both on campus)
- Careers and Employer Liaison Centre.

The International Student Services Unit provides a range of services, including:

- airport reception
- accommodation assistance
- a range of programs to support enrolment, study and social life
- advice for students with school-age children, regarding a number of quality schools close to campus.

Joseph Cheng
PhD Politics

'I attended Flinders in 1974-1976 when there was much radicalism in the Australian student movement. My experiences at Flinders always help me to maintain an idealism as an academic and as a pro-democracy activist in Hong Kong. Looking back, these experiences give me the strength I need in times of difficulties and frustration.'
A research degree is awarded primarily on the basis of a thesis embodying the results of a research project. Most students undertaking a research degree at Flinders enrol in one of the following:

- Master of Arts
- Master of Business
- Master of Engineering
- Master of Laws
- Master of Science
- Master of Theology
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) (available in all disciplines)
- Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical Psychology) – includes some coursework

**Masters**

The objective of these degrees is to train students in research techniques, in critical evaluation of such methodology appropriate to their field of study, and in the application of the methodology by conducting a specified program of research under supervision. Generally Masters degrees are 2 years full-time or 4 years part-time.

**PhD**

These degrees provide training and education with the objective of producing graduates with the capacity to conduct research independently at a high level of originality and quality. The student must be capable at the end of candidature of conceiving, designing and carrying to completion a research program without supervision. The PhD candidate should uncover new knowledge either by the discovery of new facts, the formulation of theories or the innovative re-interpretation of known data and established ideas. Generally a PhD is 4 years full-time or 8 years part-time.

International students must be enrolled full-time in order to meet the requirements of their student visa.
Flinders also offers research degrees which include a coursework component. These include:

- Master of Applied Gerontology*
- Master of Arts in Applied Population Studies
- Master of Arts (Social Work)
- Master of Biotechnology
- Master of Clinical Rehabilitation*
- Master of Midwifery*
- Master of Nursing*
- Master of Palliative Care*
- Master of Palliative Care in Aged Care*
- Master of Surgery

* These courses may also be undertaken as coursework degrees where the research component is only a minor part of the total program.

To view other postgraduate programs offered at Flinders University please visit www.flinders.edu.au/courses/postgrad/

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**Maritime Archaeology**

**Associate Professor Mark Staniforth**

‘Our program is truly integrated: it’s not all underwater, and it’s not all shipwrecks.

As the breadth of our publications and research demonstrates, maritime archaeology reveals not only details of ships, shipbuilding and the ways of life associated with the sea, it provides a fascinating window into how the wider society worked.

We have developed a strong niche specialty in the archaeology of the past two centuries – any student around the world interested in this period would have to seriously consider the Flinders program.’
Justice prevails
Eyewitness identification research by Flinders psychologists has highlighted areas in which important information provided to juries can reduce the likelihood of misleading identifications during criminal investigations.

Rod Brooks
BSc (Hons)  
Master of Science  
1972-1977

‘At Flinders I was encouraged to explore opportunities aside from my courses. This led me to my current position as Director of the MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL), with 93 faculty and 470 postgraduate students.’

Entry requirements

Australian Students
Admission to a research degree program is normally restricted to applicants holding an Honours Class 1 or 2A degree or equivalent. Other qualifications may be considered. For example, for admission to a PhD, an undergraduate medical degree with minimum credit average, a Masters degree by coursework with an average grade of distinction or better, or a Masters degree by research may be considered. Candidates with an Honours 2A seeking admission to the PhD may be advised that it may be in their best interest to initially enrol in a Masters degree.

International Students
International students with overseas qualifications must meet the same admission requirements as Australian students. In addition to the general entry requirements, international students must satisfy the University’s English language proficiency requirements for admission. These can be found at www.flinders.edu.au/international. Direct entry into a PhD will be dependent on the strength of the student’s research background. Students without a research background may be required to undertake a qualifying program before enrolling in a PhD. International students must be enrolled full-time to enable them to complete their research degree within the CRICOS registered duration.

To view the course rule governing the degree and, where relevant, the program of study for domestic and international students, please visit www.flinders.edu.au/students/rhd/.

Fees
Australian students
Students who undertake a research degree are provided with a Research Training Scheme (RTS) place. The RTS is a Commonwealth government scheme that provides domestic research degree students with an exemption from tuition fees for up to four years full-time equivalent study for a PhD and up to two years full-time equivalent study for a Masters by research.

International students
International students are required to pay tuition fees and associated costs. Information regarding these can be found at www.flinders.edu.au/international.
Scholarships

Flinders offers a range of scholarships for Australian and international students.

Australian students
Postgraduate research scholarships offered at Flinders University are awarded on the basis of academic merit and research potential to enable suitably qualified applicants to undertake full-time study towards a research degree (Masters degree by research or PhD). Applications for Australian Postgraduate Awards, Flinders University Research Scholarships and some Faculty specific scholarships for domestic students close on 31 October each year. Applicants apply to study for their research degree and scholarship on the one application form. Applications are ranked according to the Guidelines for Ranking Applications, Postgraduate Research Scholarships at: www.flinders.edu.au/scholarships.

The postgraduate research scholarships pay a living allowance which is tax free for full-time study and are tenable at Flinders University for up to three years for a PhD, or up to two years for a Masters degree by research, subject to satisfactory progress.

For some scholarships a six-month extension may be granted to PhD students. Research Masters students are not eligible for an extension.

Scholarship holders are entitled to be paid recreation and sick leave each year, and in some cases, paid maternity leave. Successful applicants who move to Adelaide from interstate or overseas may be eligible to claim an allowance for travel expenses and removal costs (relocation allowance).

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit and research potential. Postgraduate research scholarships are very competitive and in recent years successful applicants have held first class Honours degrees or equivalent qualifications.

Flinders University also offers a number of privately funded scholarships which are advertised on the scholarships website: www.flinders.edu.au/scholarships at various times during the year.

Manny Noakes
PhD Nutrition and Dietetics (conferred 2000)

‘Flinders gave me a tremendous foundation in understanding the rigors of research and the skills needed for research translation to the community. That background served me well as my research career may be defined by the success of my best selling book with Dr Peter Clifton, ‘The CSIRO (Australian Commonwealth Scientific and Research Organisation) Total Wellbeing Diet’.”
‘I was lucky enough to conduct research for my PhD thesis at Flinders with high caliber supervisors, good facilities and a very conducive academic environment. With these advantages, I was able to complete my PhD thesis promptly and produce a book, ‘Indonesia and the Muslim World: Between Islam and Secularism in the Foreign Policy of Soeharto and Beyond’ based on my thesis.’

(Anak Agung Banyu Perwita was recently awarded a Professorship in International Relations).

**International Students**

International students applying to study at Flinders are eligible to apply for a select number of scholarships. These include:

- **Endeavour International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (EIPRS)**
  - Each year Flinders University offers a number of scholarships to enable suitably qualified applicants to commence a full-time research Masters or PhD degree. Applications close on 31 August each year. The EIPRS covers the international student tuition fees charged for a research higher degree. In addition, Flinders provides a living allowance to successful applicants. Students proposing to undertake research in the biological sciences may be eligible to be considered for the School of Biological Sciences International Postgraduate Research Scholarship.

- **Flinders China Research Scholarships**
  - In collaboration with partner universities of the 985 Program Chinese Universities, a small number of full fee-waiver scholarships are offered for international students from partner universities in China wishing to enrol in a PhD degree with either the Faculty of Science and Engineering or the Faculty of Health Sciences.

- **AusAID Australian Development Scholarships (ADS)**
  - Australian Development Scholarships (ADS) are a highly-valued form of development co-operation between Australia and partner countries with which Australia has a bilateral aid program. ADS provide partner countries with the opportunity to strengthen their human resource capacity through offering scholarships to individuals within key institutions to undertake tertiary studies in Australia in areas relevant to the development needs of the country.

Flinders has a strong history of attracting AusAID scholars. Renowned for its high quality academic and support services it continues to remain one of the preferred institutions for these students. For the semester one 2008 intake, Flinders ranked number 1 in Australia for commencing ADS students from Indonesia.

- **Australian Leadership Awards (ALA)/Endeavour**
  - Prospective postgraduate international students can also apply for the Australian Leadership Awards (ALA), and Endeavour Awards to undertake study at Flinders.

Further information on scholarships available to international students can be found at [www.flinders.edu.au](http://www.flinders.edu.au) and [www.australian scholarships.gov.au](http://www.australian scholarships.gov.au).
How to apply

Dr Mamoru Mohri
PhD Physics 1976

‘My postgraduate years at Flinders were invaluable. I learned new approaches as a scientist and team member, and gained an eye-opening perspective on life through living at the University Hall with Australians and other students from all over the world. Those experiences prepared me for my work as an astronaut (flying two space shuttle missions) and now as director of a science museum with active relationships with institutes all over the world.’

Step 1
What are your areas of interest?
To begin the process of becoming a postgraduate researcher, you need to think about possible research projects and topics that align with your interests, qualifications and experience.

Step 2
Fill in an online Expression of Interest form
This form is available at: www.flinders.edu.au/rhdinterest
The University will then contact you regarding your expression of interest.

Step 3
Lodge your application
Once your research area is confirmed, you can lodge a full application with the University. The University will advise you on this process.

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Glenn Varona
PhD (FIPPM)
(currently enrolled)

‘I originally came to Flinders from the Philippines in 2004 to study a Masters in Public Administration under AusAID and then returned in 2006 to undertake a PhD under the Endeavour International Postgraduate Research Scholarship scheme. I chose to come to Flinders because if its programs, facilities, staff and reputation within academic circles in my home country. I would describe my experience at Flinders as incomparable to anything I have done before.’