

Study a PhD

Bring your research to life.

Whether you aspire to a career in academia or want to become an expert in your profession, embark on a project you're passionate about with our Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

Our PhD offers a dynamic and deeply connected research experience that is driven by real-world impact, guided by expert supervision, and shaped by a collaborative, industry-aware research culture.

At the University of Canberra, a PhD isn't just about what you study—it's about what your research can do. PhD is your opportunity to work at the intersection of academic excellence, real-world relevance, and industry connection.

From the future of dementia care to data ethics, education systems, urban sustainability, and even next-gen tech with NASA, research at UC goes beyond theory.

Our Research Centres

At UC, our research is designed make a real impact. Work alongside experienced academics on projects that drive change, aligned with our key focus areas:



Climate, environment and public policy



Health, wellbeing and human performance



Society and civic capacity



Technology, learning and development



What you'll do in your PhD



Research training

You'll undertake coursework units equipping you with the foundational skills and knowledge to support you in your research journey.



Thesis

You'll complete a research thesis in the form of a written dissertation, a series of publications or a creative portfolio and exegesis.



Development

You'll have access to a range of workshops on career development, communication, project planning, data management, leadership and more.



Industry connected

Apply your research beyond UC through our close relationship to industry, government and community partners.

Find a supervisor

Finding the right supervisor for your research project is vital for the successful completion of your thesis. Our academics are here to guide, monitor and support you through your PhD journey.

Identify a potential [research supervisor](#) by searching your research area of interest.

How to apply:

Follow the steps below to apply for a PhD:

- Identify a potential [supervisor](#) for your research project.
- Create an account for the [HDR application portal](#).
- Check your eligibility using the [Eligibility Calculator](#).
- Submit your [Expression of Interest \(EOI\)](#).
- If your EOI is approved, submit your [Admission Application](#).



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