

Higher Degrees by Research (HDR)

ALC currently offers two main Higher Degree by Research (HDR) awards: Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy.

The prerequisites for admission to a HDR degree are:

1. Completion of a 12,000-word or more essay through an approved institution with a mark of at least 70% for entry into a Master of Philosophy and 75% for entry into a Doctor of Philosophy.
2. Completion of an approved research methodology unit.
3. Proficiency in English as demonstrated through an approved English language test, or equivalent.

The Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy courses can be undertaken in on-campus mode or wholly online. ALC is committed to developing flexible and custom arrangements with each student to support their learning needs.

For more information, including course fees, see: <https://divinity.edu.au/sgr/future-research-students>



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Supporting your research at ALC

Access to resources

ALC research staff work with the ALC and UD libraries to ensure each student has access to high quality resources to support their studies.

HDR students are allocated a workspace on campus.

Scholarships

The University of Divinity (UD) has a limited number of scholarships for PhD students for tuition fees. Scholarships for living expenses may be awarded in exceptional cases.

See: <https://divinity.edu.au/sgr/research-scholarships>

From time to time, other scholarships may become available to support HDR study.

For more information, contact research@alc.edu.au

Overseas students

ALC welcomes and is able to support students from all over the world to complete a higher degree by research. Study can be undertaken in online or on-campus modes.

Students who meet the University of Divinity English requirements can apply for any of the available HDR courses.

Research awards at ALC

ALC is a college of the University of Divinity. For more information, see: <https://divinity.edu.au/>

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Students undertaking a PhD will develop a piece of original research which usually takes the form of a 100,000 word thesis. A PhD takes between 3 years full-time and up to 8 years part-time to complete.

ALC can provide supervision for the following areas:

- Practical Theology
- Contextual Theology
- Hebrew Bible
- New Testament
- Ancient World and Early Christianity
- History of Religion

ALC is committed to supporting students in their chosen discipline. If you have interest in studying outside these areas, contact research@alc.edu.au to see how we can help.

Doctor of Professional Practice (DPP)

This course is under development with a proposed commencement date of 2024.

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

The MPhil is a research degree that takes 1.5 years full-time or up to 4 years part-time. The major task of the MPhil is a 40,000 word thesis on a research topic of the student's choice. Supervision is available in the same areas as the Doctor of Philosophy.

On-campus MPhil students are allocated office space.

Students whose early work meets the criteria may have the opportunity to upgrade to a doctoral program.

Graduate Certificate of Research Methodology (GCRM)

The GCRM is composed of a Research Methodologies coursework unit and a minor thesis. It can be completed in 1 semester full-time, or up to 2 years part-time.

The GCRM will prepare students with professional expertise or previous coursework qualifications to undertake research at the masters by research or doctorate level.

If you have any questions about completing a higher degree by research, contact research@alc.edu.

Our friendly staff will be happy to help you decide if this is the path for you.

