Postgraduate Research at UNSW
Tips for Applying

Never Stand Still
Graduate Research School
Step 1: Before Applying – Checking Eligibility and Choosing a Research Area

To determine whether you are academically qualified to apply for a postgraduate research degree, see the requirements as listed here: http://research.unsw.edu.au/step-1-am-i-academically-qualified-apply

To succeed in your postgraduate research degree you need to undertake a body of work that will make an original contribution to the field of study.

You should think about the following questions:

- What is missing in the knowledge in my area of interest? – that is, what is the research problem, and why is this important?

- What could I do to help fill in some of gaps in this area? – that is, what approach and methods could be used to answer the research question?

To find out about the types of postgraduate research degrees offered at UNSW see: http://research.unsw.edu.au/postgraduate-research-programs

Before applying for a higher research degree you will need to match your area of interest to one of our Faculties or Schools.

Step 2: Before Applying – Finding a Supervisor

Choosing your supervisor is very important. The ideal supervisor is knowledgeable in your topic of interest, has good research skills and experience and is someone you feel you can work with.

It is important to meet and/or correspond with staff that you feel have expertise in your area of interest prior to submitting an application.
Do I pick a research project or does the supervisor? Can I approach a potential supervisor with my idea?

You should directly contact any potential supervisor* you want to study with and let them know what you are interested in. Some supervisors may be able to integrate your area of interest with a project or research area they currently have.

When you contact potential supervisors be sure to include your full contact details, research interests, qualifications and research experience in your correspondence.

* Applicants to the Australian School of Business (ASB) MUST contact the School Research Officer by email (graduate.research.business@unsw.edu.au) or phone (+61 2 9385 6183) prior to submitting an online application or searching for a supervisor.

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### Step 3: The Application

**How do I apply for a research program at UNSW?**

All applicants must apply online. Admissions and Scholarship applications are submitted separately.

To find details of UNSW Academic Research Programs as well as the application process, please refer to the following link: [http://research.unsw.edu.au/how-apply-postgraduate-research-study-program](http://research.unsw.edu.au/how-apply-postgraduate-research-study-program)


**How do I submit my supporting application documents?**

You need to send us your supporting documents electronically and adhere to the naming conventions as specified in the link below to help us to process your application faster.


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### Applying for a Scholarship

For details of the scholarship application process, please refer to the following link: [http://research.unsw.edu.au/postgraduate-research-scholarships](http://research.unsw.edu.au/postgraduate-research-scholarships). (If you are an Australian or New Zealand Permanent Resident or Citizen, please follow the domestic link. If you are an International student, please follow the International link.). Do not submit documents that have already been submitted as part of your admission application. After you have submitted your application you will not be contacted again until the ranking process has been finalised.

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### Step 4: Accepting your Offer

Successful applicants will be sent an offer of admission. If you have any questions about the acceptance process there is a dedicated staff member for each Faculty who can assist you. For more information please see the contacts page.
Contact details

The Graduate Research School is the central administration and support unit for all postgraduate research candidates at UNSW.

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