ABOUT

Australian Catholic University (ACU) has grown rapidly over the past few years. We are a vibrant university with excellent new facilities, award-winning buildings and renowned academicians. We are known for our supportive and nurturing learning environment.

ACU empowers you to think critically and ethically, and to bring about change in your communities and professions. We are a publicly-funded university and welcome students and staff of all beliefs and backgrounds.

ACU is globally connected and has relationships with more than 190 universities and educational institutions around the world. We have seven campuses – in Brisbane, North Sydney, Strathfield, Canberra, Ballarat, Melbourne, and Adelaide – making ACU Australia’s only truly national university. We are also one of the few Australian universities with a presence in Europe, having recently opened our Rome Campus in Italy.

There is a wide range of scholarships available to postgraduate students.

ACU has a rapidly increasing reputation in research. We have seven new research institutes aligned with the four priority research areas: Theology and Philosophy; Health; Education; and the Common Good and Social Justice.

ACU conducts research that makes a difference. Whether it be award-winning stroke studies or investigations on how the world population will find food in the future, ACU research aims to improve social, health and living conditions, influence public policy and improve knowledge in specialist fields.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

For admission to ACU’s postgraduate education coursework programs you are expected to have a bachelor degree or equivalent qualification from a recognised tertiary institution, background studies to meet the local state registration authority requirements and are relevant to the subject specialist areas available within the course.

You will also need to satisfy English language requirements and be selected in competition with other eligible applicants.

In exceptional cases an applicant may be admitted as a candidate for a specific course if the applicant submits other evidence of academic and/or professional experience.

Overseas qualifications and English proficiency

If you hold overseas qualifications from countries where English is not the standard language of instruction, you must provide evidence of English language proficiency. Refer to ACU’s English language proficiency requirements on UAC’s website at uac.edu.au/postgraduate/admission/elp.shtml.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

You may have to submit additional material as part of your application process depending on which course/s you apply for.

Check the individual course description on UAC’s website at uac.edu.au/postgraduate/course-search to see whether special requirements apply.

TYPES OF PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

ACU offers a range of graduate entry teaching courses through UAC. A full range of postgraduate courses are listed on ACU’s website at acu.edu.au/courses.

ENROLMENT

Advanced standing/Academic credit

Applications for advanced standing/academic credit must be made at the time of enrolment.

Deferral of offer

Deferral is not available for postgraduate students.
FEES AND CHARGES
ACU offers postgraduate awards through UAC as Commonwealth-supported places (CSP).

The Australian Government has proposed changes that will affect the fees that universities can charge. For the latest information, including loan and government scholarship assistance details, visit studyassist.gov.au.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
Eligible Commonwealth-supported students enrolled in a non-research course may have access to the Commonwealth Government’s HECS-HELP scheme. The Australian Government has proposed changes that will affect the way that students will repay the debt accumulated under HELP. For the latest information, including loan and government scholarship assistance details, visit studyassist.gov.au.

COURSES AVAILABLE BY DIRECT APPLICATION
ACU offer a range of postgraduate coursework programs, including graduate or postgraduate certificates and diplomas, masters degrees, professional doctorates and PhDs. You need to apply online directly to the University.

Visit acu.edu.au/courses to find your chosen course and the application requirements (listed under ‘Applying for Admission’) within each course entry. If you are interested in applying for a Higher Degree by Research (HDR), visit acu.edu.au/research for further information.

INTERNATIONAL FEE-PAYING STUDENTS
Postgraduate international fee-paying students must apply directly to the ACU International office. For further information, visit acu.edu.au/international, email: study.international@acu.edu.au or call +61 3 8676 7040.

International applicants should also contact the Australian diplomatic post in their own country to ascertain procedures for obtaining an appropriate visa.

STUDENT AND CAMPUS SERVICES

Careers and appointments
Our career development service helps grow your career management skills and delivers knowledge that can be applied to all of your future employment endeavours. The service provides guidance with job applications, resume writing and interviews. We also offer a range of resources on CareerHub, our online system designed to manage employment vacancies and provide students with career-related information.

Chaplaincy
We invite students to participate in a range of activities based around faith and spirituality, community building, social justice, and wellbeing. We also provide support for students when needed, especially at times of crisis or celebration. We have an open-door policy and no bookings are required.

Counselling
Our counselling service is free, voluntary and confidential, and is staffed by psychologists or social workers who adhere to their professional association’s ethical guidelines. Personal concerns, including psychological, relationship, and university issues, can affect a student’s capacity to achieve their academic goals. Counselling can assist our students to understand and assess any personal concerns within a supportive relationship. The counselling service also provides online psycho-educational resources and workshops on topics relevant to the student experience.

Exchange programs
We offer extensive international exchange programs for our students in many countries, including Brazil, Canada, Japan, France, Germany, UK and USA. If you are an Australian student admitted to the exchange program, you can apply for an ACU Vice Chancellor’s Travel Grant to help with your airfare and you will not have to pay any extra tuition fees to the host university. Alternatively, you may be eligible to apply for the Australian Government’s OS-HELP Loan to support your studies abroad. ACU also hosts international students from more than 98 nationalities here in Australia, and we provide an extensive range of services and programs to help ease international students into university life.

Learning assistance
Our academic skills advisers are on hand to help students study successfully at university and to develop and improve learning, writing and language strategies. We offer workshops, individual consultations and online and print resources.

Student organisations
The student association on each campus offers a wide range of services, including promoting student involvement in on-campus and off-campus activities, organising social, spiritual, sporting and cultural events, and liaising with academic and administrative staff on behalf of students. We also have an active postgraduate student association which runs networking events, seminars and professional development activities to enhance our postgraduate students’ research and writing abilities.

Students with disabilities
The Equity and Disability Unit offers services to students with disabilities and chronic medical conditions. A disability may be physical (eg mobility), sensory (eg hearing or vision impairment), a learning disability, a chronic medical condition, or a mental health condition. A disability adviser can help you with coordination of physical access, liaison with university staff about teaching and assessment adjustments, as well as provision of services such as examination adjustments, note taking, assistive technology and alternative formats, sign language interpreters and library support.

FURTHER INFORMATION
Further information on the areas of postgraduate study is available at acu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate.