

BE WHAT YOU WANT TO BE



DOCTOR OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES



A doctorate that bridges academic and industrial contexts



The core idea of transdisciplinarity is different academic disciplines working jointly with practitioners to solve real-life problems. It can be applied in a great variety of fields.

Julie Thompson Klein (2001)

The Doctor of Professional Studies is an internationally recognised higher research degree designed to produce innovation in commercial, government, educational and other applied settings.

Whereas the PhD, DBA, EdD and other ‘professional’ doctorates are single-discipline based, the CQUniversity Doctor of Professional Studies is explicitly transdisciplinary to reflect the way research is carried out in industry and government.

The Doctor of Professional Studies is a challenging, real-world alternative to theoretical doctoral programs but with the same standard of academic rigour.

The Doctor of Professional Studies is accredited in accordance with the Australian Qualifications Framework and complies with the Australian Government requirements for a doctorate degree. The post-nominal award is DProfSt.

Doctor of Professional Studies candidates attend CQUniversity Sydney for all coursework and support seminars. The campus is located in the heart of the city and offers a multicultural teaching and learning experience so that all students have the opportunity to develop skills and networks engendered by a ‘global village’ learning and working environment.



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Program structure

Enhancing career options and income potential for innovative and engaged professionals.



Transdisciplinarity is at once between the disciplines, across the different disciplines, and beyond all discipline. Its goal is the understanding of the present world, of which one of the imperatives is the unity of knowledge.

Basarab Nicolescu (2002)

The program engages candidates in the exploration and construction of new knowledge in transdisciplinary contexts. The identification and solution of practical problems in the day-to-day life of its practitioners and organisations is the focus.

Candidates are uniquely supported through the program by:

- six courses delivered in weekend blocks to guide students in Mode 2 knowledge frameworks, transdisciplinary and applied research methods for specific industry settings, populations and problems;
- on-going, on-line or in-person guidance with a dedicated Doctor of Professional Studies advisory team;
- an academic supervisor; and
- an industry advisor.



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Research in practice

Your research project must be framed in terms of a specific problem.

The course will help you find the solution.



Our aim is to develop the capacities of motivated professionals so that they graduate back into industry with enhanced abilities to frame, research and resolve problems encountered in their everyday practice.

Graduates of the Doctor of Professional Studies enjoy new career and income opportunities as a consequence of their demonstrated expertise, enterprise and intellectual rigour.

Dr Alison Owens, Doctor of Professional Studies Program Coordinator



The driving force of contemporary global society is a shift in the social contract. We can no longer count on a lifelong career but we can learn to build a better future for our communities, our nation and the world by critically analysing the real-life problems that confront us and learning how to resolve them. This is what the Doctor of Professional Studies teaches in the context of applied research.

Dr Clive Graham, Academic Coordinator, Doctor of Professional Studies

Doctor of Professional Studies research is an exemplar of designing the future - relevant to the future of the candidate's field and aimed at focusing on the solving of problems and the fulfilling of opportunities.

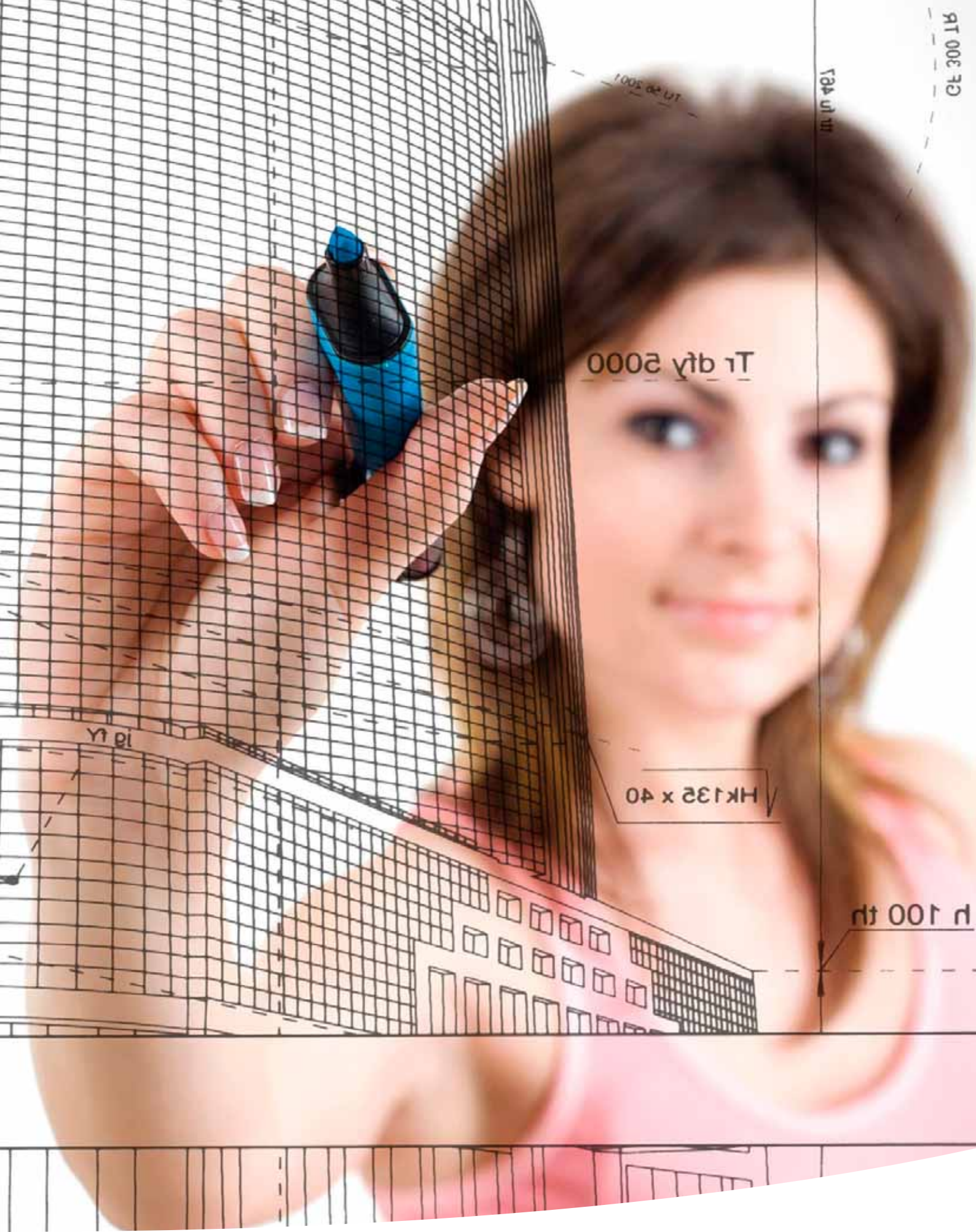
In the Doctor of Professional Studies, candidates undertake applied research aimed at producing a 'product' (a practical application). The research outcome can be a written report or a 'product' in the sense of an innovation, a computer program, musical forms or a policy.

Research projects must demonstrate:

- (i) A context – work situation, organisation, industry or a combination of these.
- (ii) Analysis – the interpretation of issues by the use of theories, models, principles, work experience or sets of criteria.
- (iii) Verification – employing documents, reports, policies, procedures and published literature, comparisons with similar topics and discussions domestically and internationally.
- (iv) Application – a clear outcome related to the present or an emergent situation.
- (v) Innovation – by which the research topic is conceptualised as a 'generator of the future'.

Doctor of Professional Studies research must present a solution to a real problem in the candidate's organisation, industry or field.

The examination process is shared by an academic and industry-based examiner beyond CQUniversity.



Study schedule and assessment

Subject to student progress, the Doctor of Professional Studies can be completed in fast-track mode over a two or three year period.



The 21st century world of work requires a whole new mind-set and challenges us to replace the stickiness of what we know with the fluidity of open investigation and joined-up problem solving. The Doctorate has opened up for me a whole new world of work and has equipped me with the necessary personal and professional insights needed in this new age.

Dr Brad Jorgensen

Coursework Component*

Term 1 and Term 2	EDED20433 Critical Foresight (5000 word paper)
	EDED20432 Creating Futures (5000 word paper)
	EDED20440 Market Positioning (5000 word paper)
	EDED20435 Futuring (5000 word paper)
	EDED20437 Net Solutions (5000 word paper)
	EDED20434 Working in the Knowledge Society (5000 word colloquium paper)
Term 3	Supervised research project EDUC30001 (full-time) OR EDUC30002 (part-time)
Term 4	Supervised research project EDUC30001 (full-time) OR EDUC30002 (part-time)
Term 5	Supervised research project EDUC30001 (full-time) OR EDUC30002 (part-time)
Term 6	Supervised research project EDUC30001 (full-time) OR EDUC30002 (part-time)
	Research project submission for external examination (50 000 words)

* Attendance at the course workshops is compulsory.

One weekend workshop is scheduled for each course per term.

Regular additional seminars are scheduled for student support over each term of study.

Part-time enrolment is available to eligible students on application

Full-time enrolment 6 terms (full-time enrolment is mandatory for students at CQUniversity Sydney studying on an Overseas Student Visa).



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How to apply



I am a student of the doctorate and I have found the coursework most beneficial to preparing my research project.

I really appreciate the assistance and advice from the Academic and Program Coordinators and the many services available to me at CQUniversity Sydney.

I expect to graduate soon and I will apply my research project in human resources management in China.

Xuan Li, Doctor of Professional Studies candidate

Entry to the Doctor of Professional Studies requires that applicants have completed:

- a Masters degree (Australian or equivalent); plus
- industry experience relevant to their field of research (or the equivalent as determined by the Program Coordinator).

To apply candidates should:

1. Complete all sections of the application nominating the Doctor of Professional Studies (course code CU55).
2. Provide certified copies of academic qualifications and support documentation, such as Resume/CV, workplace records of achievement, training history. Your career-based documentation should fully present your engagement in the industry where your research problem is set.
3. Submit a 1500 word research proposal. This should include a statement of the topic, summary of the key issues embedded in this topic and a statement of the problem or question that warrants examination in your professional experience. You should also describe your capability to undertake the research proposed. Take care to edit your proposal so that it demonstrates an ability to write academic English at a doctoral level.
4. Provide certified copies of English proficiency where required (IELTS 6.5 with no score lower than 6.0 in any band or equivalent). This evidence is required of students who have not completed an academic qualification in the medium of English.

Applications cannot be considered without the above information.

To apply, please contact your nearest CQUniversity representative or apply online at <http://content.cqu.edu.au/FCWViewer/view.do?page=9631>



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