

# **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**

## **Entrance Level**

Candidates for the PhD will normally have completed a Master Degree or an Honours Bachelor degree (H1 or H2A) from La Trobe University or another recognised university.

## **Duration**

A PhD is a research degree normally of three to four years duration full time or the equivalent part time commitment to conducting a supervised research project.

## **Learning Outcomes (AQF)**

Characteristics of learning outcomes at this level include a substantial original contribution to knowledge in the form of new knowledge or significant and original adaptation, application and interpretation of existing knowledge.

These characteristics of learning outcomes may be based on:

- a comprehensive and critical review of the literature;
- experimentation;
- creative work with exegesis; or
- other systematic approach.

A graduate of a Doctoral degree program is able to:

- carry out an original research project at a high level of originality and quality; and
- present a substantial and well ordered dissertation, non-print thesis or portfolio, for submission to external examination against international standards.

## **Exit Standard**

Completion of a course of postgraduate training in research under proper academic supervision.

A thesis based on original investigations is presented to external examiners and must be considered a substantial and original contribution to knowledge and understanding in the relevant field of study. The thesis should not exceed 100,000 words.

## **Award**

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)