

Application, Admission and Enrolment

You can apply to enrol in the MPhil degree at any time during the year. Applicants should first contact the faculty staff member listed on the back page to discuss the availability of appropriate research facilities and supervision. All applicants are required to complete an Application for Enrolment Form and Postgraduate Research Proposal (PGI).

The normal admission requirement for the MPhil is completion of the requirements for one of the following:

- a) a four-year bachelor's degree at Level 8
- b) a bachelor's (honours) degree with at least second class honours
- c) a three-year bachelor's degree plus a postgraduate diploma
- d) a bachelor's degree, plus at least three years' experience relevant to the programme and evidence of ability to undertake advanced academic study.
- e) evidence of professional experience or a recognised professional qualification deemed by the programme board of studies to be equivalent to the level of competence specified in (a) to (d) above.

Applications for admission to the MPhil are assessed by faculty postgraduate committees and approved by the University Postgraduate Board (UPB). The University Postgraduate Centre formally notifies applicants of the outcome.

English Language Requirements

For candidates whose first language is not English, evidence that they have obtained a satisfactory pass in an accepted English language test will be required.

The preferred external test is IELTS. Applicants are required to obtain a score of 6.5 overall with no band less than 6.

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For additional information on the MPhil programme, please refer to the Postgraduate Knowledge Base at:
<http://www.aut.ac.nz/postgraduate/>

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Master of Philosophy



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Programme Code:	AK3720
Level:	9
Points:	120
Method of Study:	Full time or Part time
Qualification:	Master's Degree
Duration:	1 year full time 3 years part time
Application Deadline:	Ongoing

Introduction

The Master of Philosophy (MPhil) qualification is a one year full time equivalent research master's degree that provides an option for interdisciplinary research of an applied and professional nature.

The MPhil is characterised by advanced study and original research in a discipline, and as such:

- demands knowledge of the wider subject in which the topic for intensive investigation is situated;
- requires sustained supervised research;
- includes pure or applied research, creative planning and design, practical work and original scholarship, with graduates demonstrating well-developed skills of research, critical analysis and application so as to demonstrate independence of thought in their area of specialisation;
- requires excellent communication skills for creating, synthesising, evaluating and persuading;
- expects a tangible output that pushes the boundaries of knowledge in a discipline or field of study.

The research for the MPhil culminates in a 120-point thesis. The thesis demonstrates the ability of the candidate to carry out supervised research in a sustained investigation, which contributes to the knowledge in the area of specialisation. It is conducted with a high level of skill in analysis and critical evaluation, and should provide evidence that the candidate is familiar with and has

employed the most suitable research methods, and that the procedures are clearly of a master's degree level.

Resources

The University provides a number of study resources for postgraduate students. Computer and open access pods are available across the University. Through the AUT Library, postgraduate students have access to a wide range of information resources, many of which are electronic and available both on and off campus. Postgraduate Centres located in the libraries of both campuses provide computer facilities, study carrels and refreshment areas.

The University Postgraduate Centre coordinates a Postgraduate Seminar Series throughout the year to complement those offered by the faculties. Regular orientation tours of the postgraduate facilities at AUT are available upon request for MPhil students.

Faculties will provide study space for research students as well as laboratory space and specialised equipment where appropriate. Equipment available to support research varies appropriately from faculty to faculty. Intending research students should consult with individual faculties and proposed supervisors prior to finalising a research topic. Research may be conducted outside the University, and negotiation with outside organisations for access to equipment and facilities is possible.

Information on available funding can be obtained from the Scholarships Office and faculty offices.

Preparation Paper for the Master of Philosophy Research Proposal

In order to facilitate the preparation of the initial research proposal as part of the application process, applicants to the Master of Philosophy programme are provided with access to University resources, free of charge for three months.

Areas of Study

The MPhil can be undertaken in any of AUT's faculties. In addition, research is also conducted in the following areas:

Key Research Institutes and Centres:

- Biotechnology Research Institute (KODE Biotech)
- Centre for Artificial Intelligence Research (CAIR)
- Creative Industries Research Institute (CIRI)
- Co-Lab (Creative Technologies Laboratory)
- Earth and Oceanic Sciences Research Institute (EOS)
- Engineering Research and Innovation Cluster (ERIC)
- Geoinformatics Research Centre (GRC)
- Health and Rehabilitation Research Institute (HRI)
- Institute for Information Technology Research (IITR)
- Institute for Radio Astronomy and Space Research (IRASR)
- Institute of Biomedical Technologies (IBTec)
- Institute of Culture, Discourse and Communication (ICDC)
- Institute of Public Policy (IPP)
- Interdisciplinary Trauma Research Unit
- Knowledge Engineering and Discovery Research Institute (KEDRI)
- National Institute for Public Health and Mental Health Research (NIPMHHR)
- National Institute for Stroke and Applied Neurosciences (NISAN)
- New Zealand Tourism Research Institute (NZTRI)
- New Zealand Work and Labour Market Institute (NZWLM)
- Physical Rehabilitation Research Centre
- Sport Performance Research Institute New Zealand (SPRINZ)
- Taupua Wairoa Centre for Māori Health Research