University of Southern Queensland **Postgraduate Guide 2026**



Why UniSQ?

World-class education

UniSQ sits in the **top 2%** of universities worldwide.¹

Positive learning

Rated **five out of five stars** by postgraduate students for overall learning experience.²

Networking opportunities

UniSQ collaborates with **hundreds** of local, national and international industry partners.

Learn and save

You could save **up to 80%** on your degree with a Commonwealth-supported place.

Earn more

On average, your salary **increases by 14%** after graduating from postgraduate study.²

Expert education

Benefit from over **40 years** of experience delivering flexible learning.

The University of Southern Queensland acknowledges the First Nations of southern Queensland and their ongoing connection to Country, lands, and waterways. Further, we recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first educators and researchers of Australia. We pay deep respect to Elders past and present.



Lachlan PhD graduate

While studying at UniSQ, I benefitted from a supportive and flexible research environment, industry collaborations and hands-on, exciting research opportunities.



Kathryn Alumnus

UniSQ is a big university that feels small. I never felt like just one of the many students. The lecturers took the time to get to know each of us and to strongly foster our enthusiasm for learning.



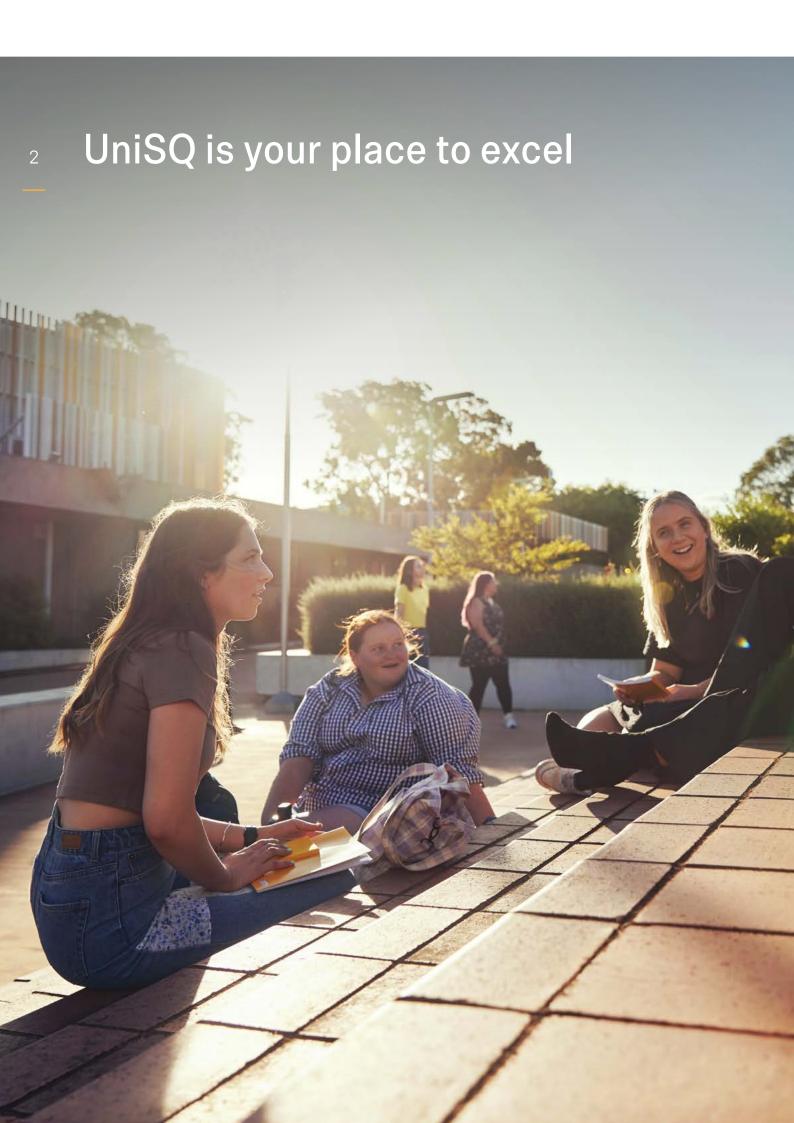
Amber Graduate diploma student

I was able to complete my graduate diploma at UniSQ whilst I worked full-time because the degree was online and flexible. The staff and teaching team made everything easy and were supportive.



JamilMasters graduate

Studying at UniSQ has opened doors to limitless opportunities, equipping me with the skills to shape a safer, smarter world through innovation.





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Inspired by the native bunya trees of southern Queensland, the UniSQ logo reflects the importance of the First Nations' communities, and represents strength, journey and growth.



About this guide

This guide provides an overview of all UniSQ postgraduate degrees – there are a few things to be aware of to help you find the perfect qualification for you.

Commonwealth-supported places

Commonwealth-supported places (CSP) have fees that are subsidised by the government. Degrees with CSP have been marked with this icon sp. To learn more about CSP and managing the cost of study, please see page 31.

Duration

Speed up or slow down your degree to suit your lifestyle. Throughout this guide we have listed degrees in terms of full-time study (unless otherwise stated). Part-time study options are available for most degrees.

Key dates

You can study where and when it suits you. Our degrees are taught in an innovative academic calendar to give you flexibility within your degree and study patterns.

Please note, not all courses are available in every study period. Learn more via unisq.edu.au/key-dates

Study modes

On-campus students attend lectures, tutorials, workshops, and practical sessions in-person at UniSQ Toowoomba, Springfield, or Ipswich and online.

Online study can be from anywhere, all study materials are available through our student portal, and library resources can be delivered.

External is a mixed study mode; course theory is studied online and practical learning is completed on campus through residential schools or off campus as part of industry placements.

Placements

Placements are a form of practical work experience. Before starting a placement, you may need to provide documentation, certificates, or evidence of immunisations. Sometimes there is a requirement to purchase and wear a uniform.

Residential schools

Residential schools provide students with the opportunity to complete hands-on, practical activities, and attend face-to-face lectures and tutorials. Residential schools are held at UniSQ Toowoomba, Springfield, or Ipswich.





The right qualification for you

A postgraduate degree can be your ticket to becoming a leader, earning more, or changing careers.

Graduate certificate

Add to your resume, enjoy something new, or get started in further study with a graduate certificate. Typically consisting of four units, a graduate certificate usually takes four to five months of full-time study to complete and can be a pathway to a graduate diploma or master (coursework).

Graduate diploma

A graduate diploma often takes one year of full-time study to complete and can be a great way to explore your interests before studying a masters. Once you know the topic is right for you, it's easy to apply the credits you received from your graduate diploma to a masters.

Master (coursework)

Build on your expertise or develop your knowledge of a new discipline with a coursework masters. Typically taking one to two years of full-time study to complete, this is the most common type of masters and involves a combination of lectures, tutorials, project work, and research.

Master (research)

If you're interested in completing a PhD, a research masters can be a good way to trial this type of study and build your research skills. Our Master of Research is a two-year qualification that includes a substantial thesis or research project.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Help advance society's collective knowledge and make your mark in your chosen field with a PhD. This doctoral research degree is the highest university qualification. With supervision and support from expert academics, you'll develop a significant and original piece of research. A PhD typically takes three to four years of full-time study to complete.

Want to know more?

Discover your postgraduate study options via unisq.edu.au/postgrad

Locations

Toowoomba

Explore beautiful buildings and thriving gardens at UniSQ's founding campus.

UniSQ Toowoomba offers an expansive library, 24/7 computer labs, industry-leading Agricultural Science and Engineering Precinct, and a Psychology and Counselling Clinic. Balance life and learning with a modern gym, art gallery, and Japanese Gardens. We are also proud to have Queensland's only professional astronomical research facility located near Toowoomba.

Free parking

Sporting and social clubs

Tennis centre

Counselling and wellness support

Cafes

Post office

Three residential colleges

90 mins from Brisbane

Springfield

Reach new heights and excel with the latest technology.

Benefit from innovative laboratories, collaborative teaching rooms, and interactive facilities when studying at UniSQ Springfield. This campus is a hub for digital production and your place to be creative; it is also home to a Boeing 737-800 flight simulator – the first of its kind in Queensland.

Free parking

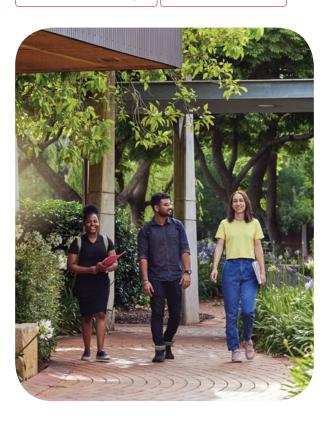
Cafes

Residential village

Gym

30 minutes from Brisbane and Ipswich

Less than one hour from the Gold Coast





Learn more

Explore our locations at unisq.edu.au/locations

Ipswich

Experience historic architecture and purpose-built facilities.

The facilities at UniSQ Ipswich will help develop your skills and confidence. Gain hands-on experience with our Exercise Physiology Clinic, and Psychology and Counselling Clinic. Practise your skills using our clinical nursing laboratories and build your knowledge by learning from leading academics and industry experts.

Free parking

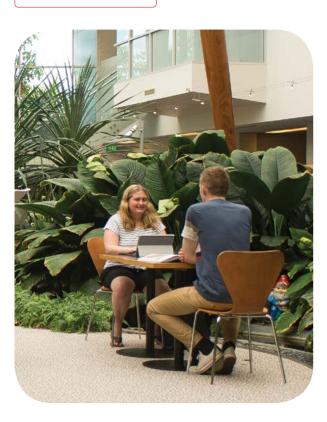
Gym

Cafe

Counselling and wellness support

Library

45 minutes from Brisbane



Online

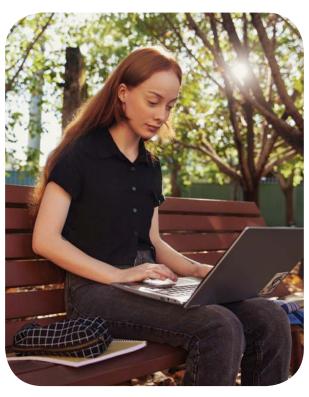
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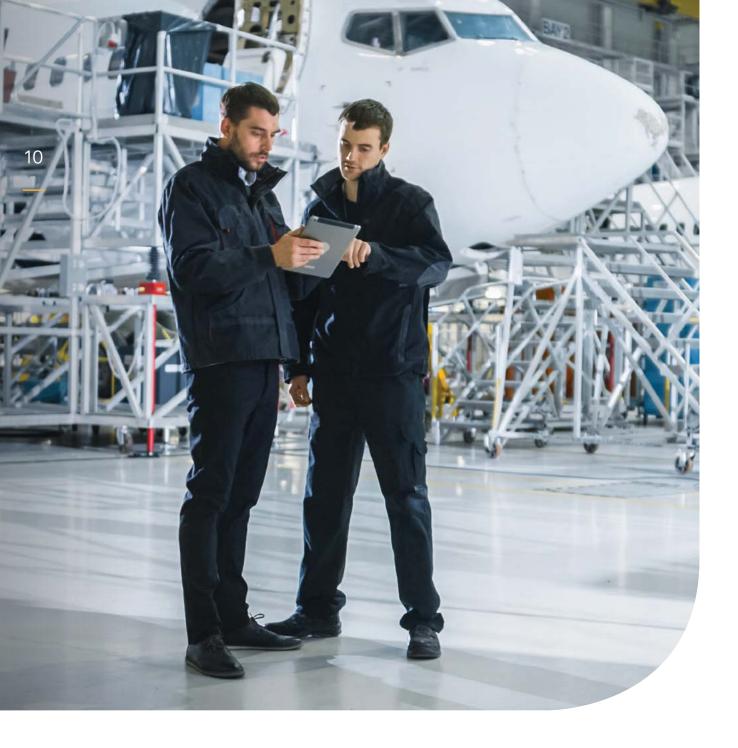
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Receive friendly support in real-time



Learn more

Explore your online study options at **unisq.edu.au/online**



Aviation

Elevate your aviation career with postgraduate study and become a leader in aviation strategy. This is your opportunity to sharpen your decision-making skills and learn how to navigate the technical, cultural and organisational nuances of the aviation industry.

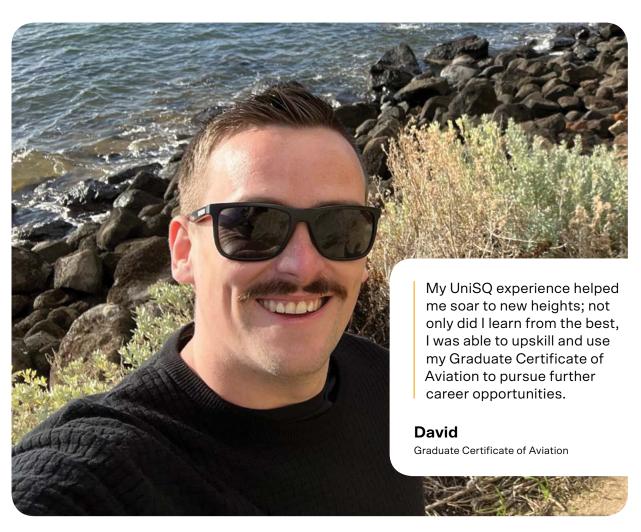
Want to know more?

Discover how you can progress your career by visiting **unisq.edu.au/aviation**

Degrees	Start	Details	Learn more
Master of Business Administration Aviation	January July	1 year full-time Online	
Graduate Diploma of Aviation	January July	8 months Online	
Graduate Certificate of Aviation	January May	0.5 year full-time Online	

The commercial air travel industry will need over 2.4 million aviation professionals by 2043 to support its growth.¹

Graduate ready for executive roles with a unique blend of strategic leadership and advanced aviation expertise.





Business and Management

Position yourself as an expert executive leader and propel your career forward by studying with UniSQ. Be at the forefront of business evolution – discover the trends and technologies shaping the world we live in. Enhance your expertise, explore cutting-edge strategies, and master real-world problem-solving at a university rated five stars for student support and experience.¹

Upskilling pays off – the graduate salary for UniSQ postgraduate business and management students is 72% higher than the undergraduate starting salary in the same field.¹

UniSQ is rated 5 stars for business and management study.²

Want to know more?

Discover how you can progress your career by visiting **unisq.edu.au/business**

¹ Good Universities Guide, 2025

² QS World University Rankings, 2025

Degrees	Start	Details	Learn more
Master of Business Administration	January May September	1.5 year full-time Online	
Graduate Diploma of Business Administration	January May September	8 months full-time Online	
Graduate Certificate of Business Administration	January May September	4 months full-time Online	
Master of Business Counselling Leadership Digital Marketing Finance Health Leadership Organisational Project Management Leadership Managing Cyber Risk People and Culture Human Resource Leadership Information Management Systems	February May September	2 years full-time ¹ On-campus (Toowoomba, Springfield) Online	
Graduate Diploma of Business Business Foundations Counselling Leadership Digital Marketing Finance Health Leadership Systems Leadership Managing Cyber Risk People and Culture Information Management Systems	February May September	1 year full-time On-campus (Toowoomba, Springfield) Online CSP	
Graduate Certificate of Business ² Business Foundations Counselling Leadership Digital Marketing Finance Health Leadership Organisation Project Management Graduate Certificate of Business ² Leadership Managing Cyber Risk People and Culture Information Management Systems	January May September	O.5 year full-time On-campus (Toowoomba, Springfield) Online CSP	
Master of Organisational Project Management	May September	1.5 years full-time Online	
Graduate Certificate of Project Management (Delivering Business Strategy)	May September	0.5 year full-time Online	
Graduate Certificate of Project Management (Enhancing Business Performance)	May September	0.5 year full-time Online	
Graduate Certificate of Project Management (Leading Business Innovation)	May September	0.5 year full-time Online	

 $^{1 \}quad \hbox{Duration may be reduced, depending on credits awarded.}$

² Depending on specialisation chosen, this degree may not be able to be undertaken in full-time mode. Not all courses are available on-campus.



Education and Teaching

Postgraduate study at UniSQ can empower you to make meaningful contributions to education and increase your earning potential. If you're wanting to change careers, we can also help you become a qualified teacher in just 18 months.

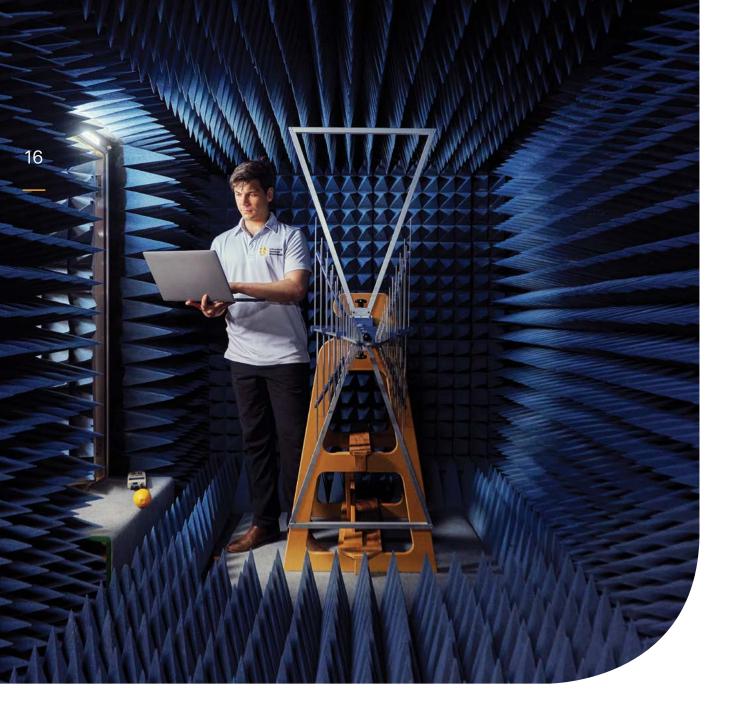
As a qualified early childhood educator you'll be in demand – there's currently a shortage of skilled pre-primary school educators.¹

Through UniSQ's partnership with the Australian Government and the Turn to Teaching Internship program, you could receive \$20,000 for study expenses, a paid internship, and permanent employment upon graduation.

Want to know more?

Discover how you can progress your career by visiting **unisq.edu.au/education**

Degrees	Start	Details Learn more
Master of Education Guidance, Counselling and Careers Professional Advancement Special and Inclusive Education	February May	1.5 years full-time Online CSP
Graduate Diploma of Education • Guidance, Counselling and Careers • Professional Advancement • Special and Inclusive Education	February May	1 year full-time Online
Graduate Certificate of Education Studies Career Development Counselling in Education Contexts Professional Advancement in Educational Contexts Special and Inclusive Education	February May	0.5 year full-time Online
Master of Learning and Teaching (Primary)	February May September	1.5–2 years full-time External (including placements) CSP
Master of Learning and Teaching (Secondary)	February May September	1.5–2 years full-time External (including placements) CSP
Master of Learning and Teaching (Early Years)	February May September	1.5–2 years full-time External (including placements) GSP
Graduate Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care	February May September	1 year full-time External (including placements) CSP
Graduate Certificate of Early Childhood Education and Care	February May September	1 year part-time External (including placements) CSP
Graduate Certificate of Educational Research	February May	0.5 year full-time Online CSP



Engineering

Advance your knowledge and career at UniSQ – the university ranked number one in Queensland for engineering graduates in full-time employment. Work with expert, industry-experienced lecturers, gain invaluable networking and research opportunities, and set yourself up to become a leader in your field.

Want to know more?

Discover how you can progress your career by visiting **unisq.edu.au/engineering**

Degrees	Start	Details	Learn more
Master of Engineering Practice Civil Engineering Electrical and Electronic Engineering Mechanical Engineering Mechatronic and Robotic Engineering Structural Engineering	February May September	3 years part-time External (including residential schools)	
Graduate Certificate of Engineering Practice	February May September	0.5 year full-time On-campus (Toowoomba) Online GSP	
Master of Professional Engineering Agricultural Engineering Civil Engineering Electrical and Electronic Engineering Engineering Management and Enterprise Mechanical Engineering Mechatronic and Robotic Engineering Structural Engineering	February May September	2 years full-time On-campus (Toowoomba) External (including residential schools) (SP)	
Graduate Diploma of Professional Engineering Agricultural Engineering Civil Engineering Electrical and Electronic Engineering Engineering Management and Enterprise Mechanical Engineering Structural Engineering	February May September	1 year full-time On-campus (Toowoomba) External GSP	
Graduate Certificate of Professional Engineering Agricultural Engineering Civil Engineering Electrical and Electronic Engineering Engineering Management and Enterprise Mechanical Engineering Structural Engineering	February May September	0.5 year full-time On-campus (Toowoomba) External	

UniSQ is one of only six leading Australian Trailblazer universities, spearheading space manufacturing research that is of national priority through the iLAuNCH hub.



Information and Communications Technology

UniSQ offers a wide range of future-focused courses, ensuring you're ready for a career in the information and communications technology industry. Engage in hands-on, collaborative projects with industry leaders and use the latest software to address real-world challenges. This is your place to become a leader and technology expert equipped to pioneer the future.

Want to know more?

Discover how you can progress your career by visiting **unisq.edu.au/it**

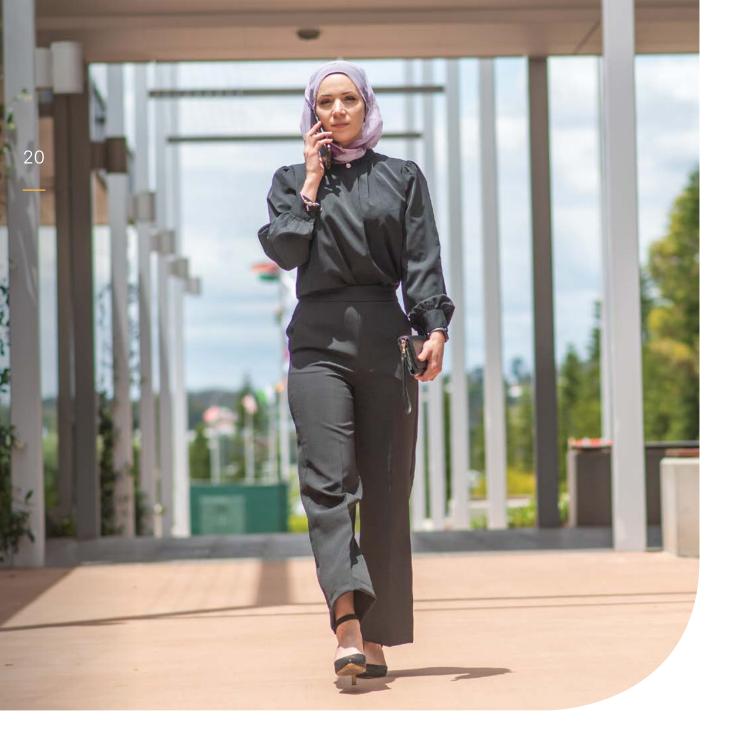
Degrees	Start	Details	Learn more
Master of Cyber Security Cyber Security Management Technical	February May September	2 years full-time	
		On-campus (Toowoomba, Springfield)	
		Online	
Master of Data Science • Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning	February May	2 years full-time	
Data Analytics	September	On-campus (Toowoomba)	
		Online	
Master of Information Systems • Business Analytics	February May	2 years full-time	
Digital InnovationManaging Cyber Risk	September	On-campus (Toowoomba, Springfield)	
		Online	
Graduate Diploma of Information Systems	February May September	1 year full-time	
		On-campus (Toowoomba, Springfield)	
		Online	
Graduate Certificate of	February May September	0.5 year full-time	
Information Systems		On-campus (Toowoomba, Springfield)	
		Online	
Master of Information Technology	February May September	2 years full-time	
Computing TechnologyNetwork Engineering		On-campus (Toowoomba)	
Software Development		Online	
		CSP	
Graduate Diploma of	February May	1 year full-time	
Information Technology Computing Technology	iviay	On-campus (Toowoomba)	
Network Engineering Software Development		Online	

Earn more – upon graduation UniSQ postgraduate computing and IT students earn 28% more than undergraduates in the same field.¹

Feel confident in your job security – the Australia Government and the tech sector are working towards a target of 1.2 million tech jobs by 2030.²

¹ Good Universities Guide, 2025

² Tech Council of Australia, 2022



Law

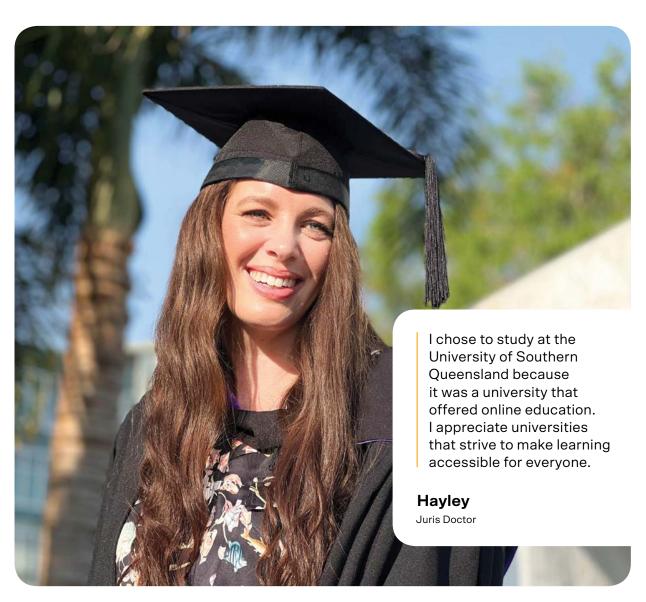
Unlock your potential and embark on a rewarding legal career. Experience personalised learning and connect with lecturers who are invested in your success – UniSQ is ranked number one in Queensland for student support amongst postgraduate law students.¹

Want to know more?

Discover how you can progress your career by visiting **unisq.edu.au/law**

Degrees	Start	Details	Learn more
Juris Doctor	February May September	2–3 years full-time Online	
Master of Laws Commercial Law Family Law International Law Legal Practice Public Law	February May September	1 year or part-time equivalent Online	

UniSQ is number one in Queensland for postgraduate law graduates in full-time employment.¹





Nursing and Health

Further study leads to more opportunity – whether you want to enhance patient care, address global health challenges, or excel in sports science, UniSQ will help you achieve your goals. Gain practical skills and make meaningful contributions to your field by learning from industry-experienced experts. Beyond graduation, you'll be a part of a professional network committed to ensuring your success and growth.

Want to know more?

Discover how you can progress your career by visiting **unisq.edu.au/health**

Degrees	Start	Details	Learn more
Master of Nursing Clinical Education Gerontology Leadership and Management in Health Rural and Remote	February May September	3 years part-time Online CSP	
Graduate Diploma of Nursing Clinical Education Gerontology Leadership and Management in Health Rural and Remote	February May September	2 years part-time Online GSP	
Graduate Certificate of Nursing • Clinical Education • Gerontology • Leadership and Management in Health • Rural and Remote	February May September	1 year part-time Online GSP	
Master of Public Health	February September	2 years full-time On-campus (Ipswich) (Including placement) Online (Including placement)	
Graduate Diploma of Public Health	February September	1 year full-time On-campus (Ipswich) Online GSP	
Graduate Certificate of Public Health	February September	0.5 year full-time On-campus (Ipswich) Online (SP)	
Graduate Certificate of First Nations Culturally Safe Health Leadership	January May	0.5 year full-time Online	

Coming soon...

UniSQ is launching a new Graduate Diploma of Midwifery. For more details, please visit **unisq.edu.au/midwifery**



Psychology and Human Services

Be prepared for a career that creates positive change. Take that next step towards becoming a registered psychologist, counsellor, or social worker and feel equipped to support people and communities in need. While studying with UniSQ you will work with a range of clients and help improve their wellbeing by finding solutions to emotional, mental, and lifestyle challenges.

The first qualification of its kind in Australia, the Master of Clinical Psychology – Advanced Entry provides fast-tracked study for registered psychologists wanting to gain endorsement as a clinical psychologist.

Australia needs psychologists – demand for sessions has increased by an average of 70% year-onyear since the COVID-19 pandemic began.¹

Want to know more?

Discover how you can progress your career by visiting **unisq.edu.au/psychology**

Degrees	Start	Details	Learn more
Master of Clinical Psychology	January	2 years full-time	
		On-campus (Ipswich)	
		External (including placements and residential schools)	
		CSP	
Master of Clinical Psychology	January	1 year full-time	
- Advanced Entry		External (including placements and residential schools)	
		CSP	
Master of Professional	January	1 year full-time	
Psychology		On-campus (Ipswich)	
		External (including placements and residential schools)	
		CSP	
Master of Counselling	February	1 year full-time	
Choose either a qualifying or advanced entry pathway.	May September	External (including on- campus residential schools)	
Child, Youth and Family TherapyMental Health PracticeTrauma Focused Practice		campus residentiai scrioois)	
Graduate Diploma of Counselling	February	1.5–2 years full-time	
Child, Youth and Family TherapyMental Health PracticeTrauma Focused Practice	May September	External (including placements)	
Graduate Certificate	January	1 year part-time	
of Counselling	May September	External	
AddictionChild, Youth and Family TherapyMental Health PracticeTrauma Focused Practice		Online	
Master of Social Work	January	2 years full-time	
(Qualifying)	May	On-campus (Ipswich)	



Sciences

Tailor study to your interests with degrees that offer a range of specialisations and draw on a blend of coursework, research, and hands-on learning. Whether you're interested in astrophysics, agriculture, the human body, the environment, technological innovation, or data and analytics, UniSQ's science degrees can open up a world of opportunity.

UniSQ is ranked number 1 in Queensland for overall educational experience, student support, and teaching quality for science and mathematics.¹

Collaborate with NASA – UniSQ hosts the only ground-based support in the Southern Hemisphere for NASA's Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite mission.

Want to know more?

Discover how you can progress your career by visiting **unisq.edu.au/sciences**

Degrees Start **Details** Learn more **Master of Science** February 2 years full-time May • Agricultural Science September On-campus (Toowoomba, • Astrophysics lpswich) · Environment and Sustainability · Mathematics and Statistics External (including residential schools) Online CSP **Graduate Diploma of Science** February 1 year full-time May · Agricultural Science On-campus (Toowoomba, · Astrophysics lpswich) • Environment and Sustainability • Mathematics and Statistics External (including residential schools) **Graduate Certificate of Science** February 0.5 year full-time May • Agricultural Science On-campus (Toowoomba) Astrophysics · Environment and Sustainability External (including • Mathematics and Statistics residential schools)



Higher degrees by research

From medical breakthroughs and technological innovations, to policy advancements - research underpins the progress of our communities and society. As a UniSQ researcher you'll be supported by leading academics and supervisors and be encouraged to go beyond, challenge thought, and question the status-quo. By completing a research degree you will increase your own knowledge and employability, contribute to your chosen field, and ultimately lead the way to a more informed future.

Degrees	Start	Details	Learn more
Doctor of Philosophy	January February April May July August September November	3 years full-time On-campus (Toowoomba, Springfield, Ipswich) External	
Master of Research	February May September	2 years full-time On-campus (Toowoomba, Springfield, Ipswich) Online	

UniSQ conducts ground-breaking research with government, non-government, and industry partners. We are pioneers in astrophysics, known globally for our research in future materials, and national leaders in agricultural studies.

Want to know more?

Discover how you can progress your career by visiting **unisq.edu.au/research**

Research with impact

Think big, be ambitious, and achieve incredible things with the support of UniSQ. As a researcher you can make a true difference for individuals, communities, and industries.

Work alongside globally recognised academics on projects with significant national and international impact. You can help meet global demands by utilising UniSQ's leading research centres and world-class facilities.

Discover UniSQ flagships

Agriculture and Environment

Strengthen agricultural productivity and work towards a more sustainable future as a UniSQ researcher. Tackle climate change, drought mitigation and crop health and advance agricultural technology at a university renowned for agriculture and environment studies.

Health

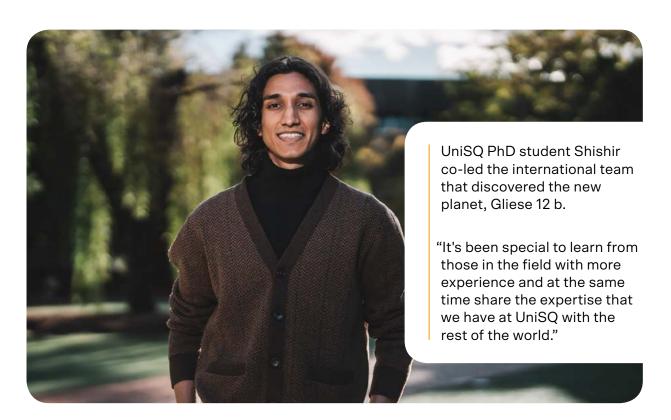
From supporting children in need by providing access to quality care and treatment, to using artificial intelligence to detect diseases early – as a UniSQ researcher you could help solve today's health problems and change lives. Choose from a range of study areas including allied health, biomedical science, mental health, and sport and exercise science, and find a topic that inspires you.

Space and Defence

As one of only six Australian trailblazer universities, UniSQ's global partnerships with NASA, the US Airforce, Boeing, and BAE Systems allow our researchers to have a real impact and build quality networks. Propel your career forward and find rewarding employment in the space sector by studying with a university committed to your growth and success.

Regional Development

Boost global food security, help regional Australia thrive, or collaborate with other Queensland universities to strengthen the economic resilience of regional communities – these are just some of the ways you can make a difference as a UniSQ researcher. Explore a range of regional development study areas including agribusiness, sustainable economic development, community wellbeing, and heritage and culture.





Manage the cost of study

When considering postgraduate study it's important to know degrees either require full-fee payment or are Commonwealth-supported. There are many ways to manage your tuition costs including scholarships, loans, and tax deductions.

Commonwealth-supported places

Commonwealth-supported places (CSP) are subsidised, the Australian Government shares the cost of your study by paying part of your fees directly to the University. Students in CSP pay a reduced fee called a 'student contribution' and eligible students may defer this portion of their fees to a HECS-HELP loan. CSP are only available to eligible domestic students.

When you are accepted to study with UniSQ, we will indicate if you have been offered a Commonwealth-supported place.

Throughout this guide degrees with CSP have been marked with this symbol SP. Learn more via unisq.edu.au/csp

HECS-HELP loan

A HECS-HELP loan can allow you to defer the remaining cost of study if you are enrolled in a Commonwealth-supported place. To be eligible for this loan you must meet certain criteria. Learn more via unisq.edu.au/hecs-help

FEE-HELP loan

A FEE-HELP loan defers the payment of tuition fees for domestic students enrolled in degrees that require full-fee payment (i.e. those without CSP). Learn about eligibility criteria and more at **unisq.edu.au/hecs-help**

Research Training Program

The Research Training Program provides government scholarships for most domestic students enrolled in higher degrees by research. Learn more via unisq.edu.au/research-study

Scholarships

A scholarship can assist with textbooks, living costs and practical experience expenses. Some scholarships are one-off payments, while others continue for the duration of the degree. Learn more via unisq.edu.au/scholarships

Tax deductions

You may be eligible for tax deductions on tuition fees and study materials if your postgraduate degree relates to your current career.

Recognition of work experience and prior study

Your work and study experience can count towards course credit and reduce the number of courses you need to complete. Learn more via **unisq.edu.au/credit**

32 How to apply

Congratulations on your decision to study, we're excited for you and all the possibilities your future holds! Whether you're seeking a career change, or wanting to upskill, UniSQ will help you achieve your goals.

Check the entry requirements

Each degree has unique entry requirements – you can find the specifics for your chosen degree on the UniSQ website. If you haven't previously studied but have work experience in a similar field, you may be eligible for postgraduate study and course credit. To learn more, contact UniSQ or visit unisq.edu.au/study

Apply online

Apply to UniSQ by visiting **unisq.edu.au/apply**. Please note you may require supporting documentation, for example academic transcripts or resumes.

Accept your offer

When you receive an email with your offer, follow the steps to accept. If you do not receive an offer, don't stress, we can recommend suitable pathways to help you work towards your chosen degree.

Want to know more?

Find detailed information and apply at **unisq.edu.au/apply**





We're here to help

Our degree advisors can help answer any questions about your next move.
Delve into the detail of our degrees, discover relevant scholarships, or chat to us about what it's like to study at UniSQ.

1800 269 500











