Reseach Strengths

RMIT's School of Applied Sciences has research strengths and expertise in a broad range of areas including:

» Applied Biology and Biotechnology (DR085, MR082)
» Applied Chemistry (DR083, MR039)
» Applied Physics (DR084, MR040)
» Food Science and Technology (DR100, MR045)
» Medical and Health Physics (MR042).

Student Profile

'I have always been interested in life sciences and wanted to do work which could help people.

'My research looks at the identification of campylobacter proteins that interact with chickens' immune systems. Chicken meat is often contaminated during processing and is a major risk factor for food poisoning (campylobacteriosis).'

Binu John (cover image)

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) (Applied Biology and Biotechnology)
Acknowledgement of country

The Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation are the traditional custodians of the land on which this organisation stands. We pay our respects to owners and Elders, both past and present.

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The Graduate Diploma in Bioinformatics links studies in cell and molecular sciences with studies in computing science. It is designed to prepare students to work in the complementary discipline areas of gene, protein and cell technologies, computing science and informatics. Courses are presented by RMIT staff and external experts from research, biotechnology and information technology organisations. Strong industry participation ensures the program is responsive to the rapidly developing technology environment.

The Graduate Diploma is designed for individuals working in biotechnology, life sciences, the computing industry or related industries who wish to broaden or upgrade their scientific, computing and informatics skills, and acquire some management skills.

Pathways
Graduates may proceed to research degrees in biological sciences or computing.

Career outlook
Graduates will be equipped to work in the complementary areas of gene, protein and cell technologies, computing science and informatics.

Entry requirements
Prospective students will have a degree in science or a related area and good oral and written communication skills. Selection will be based on qualifications, experience and, if required, an interview.

International/non-Australian residents
For the latest entry requirements, please refer to the website: www.rmit.edu.au/international/entry-requirements

Application procedure
RMIT direct application.

Please refer to ‘How to apply’ on page 9.

Tuition fees
Full-fee (domestic)

2013 $24,960 per year full-time


Please refer to ‘Money matters’ on page 10.

What you will study
The Graduate Diploma consists of 96 credit points. This incorporates the Graduate Certificate (48 credit points).

The following are examples of courses offered:

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Biotechnology is a rapidly expanding area, with applications in diverse areas, including food science and technology, and microbiology. The Master provides specialist postgraduate training in biotechnology through streams in food microbiology, clinical microbiology, and food science and technology. Special emphasis is placed on recent advances and the application of new technologies.

Students usually choose one of the major streams but is also possible to combine courses, graduating with a generic degree in biotechnology. In addition to the coursework component, the Master of Biotechnology includes one optional semester of work experience or a research project.

Courses are presented using a variety of learning methods including formal lectures, flexible learning activities, review of current literature, oral presentations and practical experience. Emphasis is on application of new knowledge to practical problems and development of practical skills in the respective topic areas.

High-achieving students have the opportunity to do either one semester of full-time research or work experience in year two of the degree.

Pathways
Relevant work experience at an appropriate level and duration is recognised as an equivalent to one full-time semester or one part-time year. Applications for recognition of work experience are assessed on an individual basis.

Career outlook
Graduates are employed in private industry (e.g. vaccine production), medical research institutes, universities and hospitals as research staff or in diagnostic microbiology.

Professional recognition
Depending on the courses chosen, graduates are eligible to apply for membership of one or more of the following professional societies: The Australian Society for Microbiology, Australian Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, American Society for Microbiology, British Mycological Society, Australian Institute of Biology, International Society for Human and Animal Mycology, Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, Asian Fisheries Society, World Aquaculture Society, Zoological Society of London, Australasian Society for Ecotoxicology, and the Australian Society for Limnology.

Entry requirements
Applicants must have a degree in biological sciences, food science/technology or biotechnology, with chemistry to at least first-year level. Applicants with degrees in medicine, veterinary science, dentistry, agricultural science or chemical engineering are also considered for specific programs.

You are expected to have an understanding of microbiology at undergraduate level in order to prepare you for the postgraduate courses in biotechnology. If you have not successfully completed microbiology at undergraduate level, or an equivalent, you will be required to enrol in second-year microbiology during your first semester. Credit points from second-year microbiology will not count towards the completion of the program.

International/non-Australian residents
For the latest entry requirements, please refer to the website: www.rmit.edu.au/international/entry-requirements

Application procedure
RMIT direct application.
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Tuition fees
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What you will study
The Master consists of 192 credit points. This incorporates the Graduate Diploma (96 credit points) and the Graduate Certificate (48 credit points). The following is an example of courses offered:

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Environmental science is the study of the chemical, physical and biological interactions that occur between the different parts of Earth’s environment. It involves the integration of many science disciplines and requires practitioners to have a broad understanding of the related sciences, combined with a depth of knowledge in a specific science.

Environmental scientists in managerial roles are expected to design and manage projects, and communicate with a wide range of audiences. This postgraduate degree is designed to provide those skills, in addition to providing knowledge in the fundamental sciences and technologies.

Career outlook
Employment opportunities for graduates from a range of disciplines will be significantly enhanced by the addition of a postgraduate qualification in environmental science and technology. There is a shortage of qualified environmental science professionals to provide high-level advice to Australian workplaces, which is reflected in the most recent and broadest remuneration survey of environmental positions in Australia (SafeSearch HSE 2011–2012 Remuneration Survey http://safesearch.com.au/resources-and-forums/remuneration-survey).

This degree is designed to give you a competitive edge.

Entry requirements
An undergraduate degree in Science or Engineering.

Application procedure
RMIT direct application.
Please refer to ‘How to apply’ on page 9.

Tuition fees
Full-fee (domestic)

2013 $24,960 per year full-time

Please refer to ‘Money matters’ on page 10.

What you will study
The Master consists of 192 credit points. This incorporates the Graduate Diploma (96 credit points) and the Graduate Certificate (48 credit points). The Master degree will include 48 credit points of research with courses and projects offered at both the City and Bundoora campuses. In year one you will undertake compulsory courses that will provide you with the skills required to operate as a professional in the environmental sector, manage projects and carry out research. You will also take classes and workshops in the fundamental sciences and technology, and be exposed to new and developing sustainable technologies and environmental protection methods.

In year two you will undertake a research project in an area that is of specific interest to you. In addition, you will study a set of science and technology electives of your choice.
### Contact

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www.rmit.edu.au/international  
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/mc133

### Exit points

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### Entry requirements

An applied science, science or other relevant (e.g. agricultural science or chemical engineering) Australian bachelor degree (or equivalent), with a grade point average of at least 65%. More weighting may be given to your grades in the later stages of your undergraduate degree than in the early stages.

To proceed to the final semester of the Master and undertake the research project, you are required to obtain an average mark of 65% in the courses preceding it. If you do not attain this standard but have successfully completed year one of the Master, you will be eligible for the award of Graduate Diploma in Food Science and Technology.

You may enter midyear. However, if you have not successfully completed a microbiology course in your undergraduate program, entry to the program will be in Semester 1 only.

#### International/non-Australian residents

For the latest entry requirements, please refer to the website: [www.rmit.edu.au/international/entry-requirements](http://www.rmit.edu.au/international/entry-requirements)

### Application procedure

RMIT direct application.

Please refer to ‘How to apply’ on page 9.

### Tuition fees

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### What you will study

The Master consists of 144 credit points. This incorporates the Graduate Diploma (96 credit points) and the Graduate Certificate (48 credit points). The courses undertaken will vary depending upon whether food science has been studied previously. There are compulsory courses in science skills, food processing and food microbiology. Some choice of courses is offered within the degree.

The final semester involves a project that will be on a topic chosen from a range offered or a suitable project organised by the student.
Occupational health and safety (OH&S) concerns the application of scientific principles in understanding the nature of risks to the safety of people in workplaces. It is a multidisciplinary profession with applications in most industries and commerce.

Both community expectation and government legislation demand an increasingly higher level of protection for employees and the community at large from risks that threaten their safety and health. As such, there is also an increasing demand in society for professionals with experience and qualifications in OH&S.

Pathways

Graduates of this postgraduate degree may choose to apply for a master by research or a PhD program.

Career outlook

There is a relatively strong demand for OH&S professionals within industry and consulting. Practitioners may be called health and safety executives (HSE), OHS managers, risk managers, occupational health and safety coordinators or safety officers. Some positions may have environmental responsibilities and therefore be called EHS or SHE (safety, health and environment) managers. Workers’ compensation insurance companies often engage teams of OHS risk managers to give advice to their corporate clients.

Professional recognition

Graduates of the Graduate Diploma or Master, with appropriate experience, may apply for professional membership of the Safety Institute of Australia, the body representing safety professionals.

The Graduate Diploma is accredited by the Australian OHS Education Accreditation Board (AOHSEAB) as providing the knowledge to be an OHS professional.

Entry requirements

To be accepted into the Graduate Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety, you must have either:

» a bachelor degree or higher, or

» a Diploma of Occupational Health and Safety (BSBS51307) with a GPA of 2 or higher and 3 years of relevant OH&S experience

On completion of the Graduate Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety with a distinction average grade, you may apply for entry into the Master of Occupational Health and Safety.

If you have graduated from another university with a Graduate Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety, you may be considered for entry if you have a distinction average grade.

Application procedure

RMIT direct application. Please refer to ‘How to apply’ on page 9.

Tuition fees

Full-fee (domestic)

2013 $12,480 per year part-time


Please refer to ‘Money matters’ on page 10.

What you will study

The Master consists of 144 credit points. This incorporates the Graduate Diploma (96 credit points) and the Graduate Certificate (48 credit points).

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Coursework degrees

Direct application

Apply online at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/direct. Timely applications for coursework programs are due by:

» 10 November each year (for Semester 1 start) and
» 31 May each year (for midyear Semester 2 start).

Midyear applications open 1 May www.rmit.edu.au/apply/midyear. Applications will continue to be accepted until all places have been filled. You are encouraged to lodge your application early.

Supplementary information forms

Some postgraduate programs require applicants to complete a supplementary information form in addition to the direct application form. www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/forms

Research degrees

Entrance requirements

There are minimum entry requirements for master by research and doctoral degrees. Due to strong competition for places, preference may be given to applicants with more than the minimum requirements.

All applicants need to find a supervisor with similar research interests as themselves and discuss a research project proposal with them. Before you apply, it is recommended that you contact the Higher Degrees by Research Coordinator in the school to which you are applying. The research proposal must be included in your application.

Refer to contact details under each program or www.rmit.edu.au/graduateresearch/searchsupervisors.

Master

For entry to a master by research you will need to have qualified for a first degree with at least a credit average (RMIT equivalent score) in the final year, or you need evidence of other approved qualifications or experience which satisfies RMIT that you have developed knowledge of the field of study sufficient to undertake the proposed degree.

Note: Some degrees may require evidence of other qualifications or experience. Refer to the contact listed under individual degree entries before applying.

PhD

For entry to a PhD you will need a degree of master by research; or a degree of master by coursework which includes a research component with a duration of at least one semester full-time (or part-time equivalent); or a bachelor degree with first class honours or upper second class honours (or another award as deemed equivalent); and such qualifications or experience as RMIT considers appropriate.

Note: Some doctoral degree programs may require evidence of other qualifications or experience. Refer to the contact listed under individual program entries before applying.

Application process

Application for candidature involves three steps, as summarised below. For detailed information visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/research or contact the School of Graduate Research.

1. Find a program and confirm eligibility

The entry requirements for each program are listed in this publication. To discuss your eligibility, contact the RMIT staff member listed under individual program entries.

2. Seek academic advice

Once you have found a program you are interested in, you should discuss potential research topics, the availability of suitable supervisors, and an initial research proposal directly with your prospective supervisors and/or with the Higher Degrees by Research (HDR) coordinator in the relevant school. To find a supervisor visit www.rmit.edu.au/graduateresearch/searchsupervisors.

3. Complete and submit the application form and supporting documents

Visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/research for an application form and apply through the School of Graduate Research if you fit one of the following categories of applicants (known as Onshore Domestic Applicants):

» Australian citizens
» Australian permanent residents and New Zealand citizens
» offshore international applicants applying to study offshore (outside of Australia) and who do not fall into any of the above categories.

All other applicants are considered onshore international applicants and must apply through RMIT International. Please visit www.rmit.edu.au/international/apply for detailed information on how to apply.

International/non-Australian residents

For the latest application procedures, please refer to the website: www.rmit.edu.au/international/apply

Application timelines

You are encouraged to lodge your application early and consider the scholarships closing date if you also wish to apply for a scholarship.

Applications for 2013 scholarships are open from 1 September until 31 October 2012.

Applications for 2013 Research Training Scheme (RTS) places are open from 1 September until 31 March 2013. Early offers will be made in December to applicants who apply by 31 October 2012. Applicants who submit their applications after 31 October will be advised of the outcome from early January until all places are taken up.

Applications for midyear 2013 RTS places are open 1 May until 31 August. Early offers will be made in June to applicants who apply by 31 May 2013. Applicants who submit their applications after 31 May will be advised of the outcome from early July until all places are taken up.
Coursework degrees

What you pay will depend on whether you are offered a Commonwealth supported place (CSP) or a full-fee place. Financial assistance is available to eligible students regardless of the type of place you enrol in.

Commonwealth supported places (CSP)

A Commonwealth supported place is a place at university where the tuition fee is jointly paid by you and the Commonwealth Government. Your share of the fee, called the student contribution, is set by the government and is determined by the discipline area you are studying. This table shows a student’s annual fee for a full-time study load in 2013.

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<td>Band 3: law, accounting, administration, economics, commerce, dentistry, medicine, veterinary science</td>
<td>$9792</td>
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* The student contribution amounts for mathematics, statistics and science are subject to passage of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Student Contribution Amounts and Other Measures Bill 2012).

If you undertake more or less than a full-time study load, or you study courses from a combination of the above categories, you will be charged the proportionate student contribution.

Full-fee places

If you are offered a full-fee place you are required to pay a tuition fee that covers the full tuition costs of your program. The tuition fees vary according to each program and are adjusted on an annual basis, please visit [www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/highered/fullfees](http://www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/highered/fullfees).

Only students who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or hold an Australian Permanent Resident Visa are eligible for a domestic full-fee place. Students who do not meet these citizenship and residency requirements may be offered a place as an onshore international student.

Research degrees

If you are an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or New Zealand citizen you may be eligible for a Research Training Scheme (RTS) place where your tuition costs are funded by the Commonwealth Government under the RTS and you have full exemption from tuition fees.

Acceptance in an RTS place is very competitive and places are granted on the condition that you meet annual progress requirements and complete within the allotted time for your program and your status as a part-time or full-time candidate.


International/non-Australian residents

For the latest fee information, please refer to our website: [www.international.rmit.edu.au/info/programfees.asp](http://www.international.rmit.edu.au/info/programfees.asp)

Other fees

In addition to tuition fees, you may be charged a student services and amenities fee (SSAF) which is indexed annually. Eligible students will be able to defer payment of the fee through SA-HELP.


You may also be required to purchase items related to your program, including field trips, specified textbooks and equipment. These material fees are not compulsory and students may choose to purchase these items independently. These expenses vary from program to program. Please contact the relevant school directly.

RMIT reserves the right to adjust fees for full-fee places on an annual basis by an amount that will not exceed 7.5% each year (subject to rounding). For higher education fees, tuition fees are rounded up to the nearest $10 per credit point increment, and so the actual fee increase may exceed 7.5%.


Financial assistance

Scholarships

Before you let financial constraints or living arrangements get in the way of your decision to study, find out about the range of discipline-specific and general RMIT scholarships available for postgraduate students. The eligibility criteria for many scholarships is equity based, designed to assist students from a range of backgrounds to achieve their study ambitions, and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who apply for a Study Support Scholarship are automatically eligible. You can apply for more than one scholarship if you meet the eligibility criteria of each scholarship, and each application will be separately reviewed.

The RMIT scholarships web page lists scholarships available to RMIT students, including externally-funded scholarships that you may be able to apply for.

Receiving an RMIT scholarship does not prevent you from applying for others.

Scholarships Office

Tel. 03 9925 2811

Email: scholarships@rmit.edu.au

HECS-HELP
HECS-HELP assists eligible students in a Commonwealth supported place to pay their student contribution. Eligible students can take out a HECS-HELP loan for all or part of their student contribution, or access the HECS-HELP discount if they choose to pay $500 or more of their student contribution up-front. You are eligible for HECS-HELP if you are enrolled in a Commonwealth supported place and are either an Australian citizen or Permanent Humanitarian Visa holder. To learn more about HECS-HELP visit www.studyassist.gov.au to obtain a copy of the Information for Commonwealth supported students booklet.

FEE-HELP
FEE-HELP is an optional loan scheme that assists eligible students to pay all or part of their tuition fees. Postgraduate coursework and research applicants who are Australian citizens or holders of a Permanent Humanitarian Visa are eligible to apply for a FEE-HELP loan. To learn more about FEE-HELP visit www.studyassist.gov.au to obtain a copy of the FEE-HELP Information booklet.

Income support
The Commonwealth Government has approved a number of RMIT University postgraduate programs for student income support payments. This means that full-time students undertaking these programs may claim Youth Allowance, Austudy or Pensioner Education Supplement if they meet eligibility criteria. Students eligible for Youth Allowance and Austudy may also be eligible for rent assistance.

The approved programs are listed at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/highered/masters.

To check your eligibility for student income support or rent assistance, contact Centrelink directly on 13 24 90. Payments can be made only from the date that an application is lodged with Centrelink.

Income tax deductions
Students may be eligible to apply for income tax deductions relating to the education expenses that are linked to their employment. Check with an accredited taxation professional as to your eligibility for possible deductions.


‘My PhD studies at RMIT focus on medical microbiology and molecular biology. I chose RMIT because of the University’s reputation in this field and the friendly atmosphere.

‘Throughout my studies, I have gained research experience and skills, including study design, experimental techniques and results analysis. I have also received a high level of encouragement from my supervisors, which has helped to motivate me during my research.

‘My ability to write academic papers has also improved and as a result I have had four research papers published in high profile international medical journals, as well as one research monograph.

‘I currently combine my PhD studies with research work in biochemistry and molecular biology. Once I obtain my PhD, I aim to work in the relevant area, gain more experience and techniques and eventually become one of the leading researchers in this field.’

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