MAKING A DIFFERENCE
The syllabus at RMIT is the only one available that contains the technical (bio-chemistry) and management (quality management) combination that I was looking for.

‘The courses I’ve studied are directly related to practical work life and accompanied by strong scientific background. The state-of-the-art facilities mean we are learning in an environment that prepares us for our future workplaces. My studies have advanced my career as a researcher and specialist in a health organisation.’

OTHMAN ALGWAIRI
MASTER OF LABORATORY MEDICINE
The Master of Laboratory Medicine provides advanced training and education in the major disciplines of laboratory medicine. It is suitable for graduates from general science or biomedical science degrees that have a biological science focus.

This coursework program is designed to provide you with an advanced qualification and enable you to apply a range of diagnostic procedures in a clinical pathology laboratory. On completion, you will have high-level skills in analysis and knowledge integration relevant to your area of specialisation.

Pathways
If you have completed the Graduate Diploma in Laboratory Medicine you may articulate directly into the Master of Laboratory Medicine.

Career outlook
Graduates are employed as medical scientists in the field of diagnostic pathology or in medical research. Medical scientists work in hospital laboratories, private pathology laboratories, state health laboratories and universities. In larger hospitals and private laboratories, medical scientists usually specialise in one of the professional disciplines.

Professional recognition
The Master of Laboratory Medicine is accredited by The Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS) in the United Kingdom and the Australian Institute of Medical Scientists (AIMS).

Entry requirements
You are required to have a minimum three-year university degree in biomedical or biological sciences. Other acceptable degrees include pharmacy, dentistry and medicine.

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 reverse page.

Tuition fees
Full-fee (domestic)

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Please refer to ‘Money matters’ on reverse page.
The Master of Applied Science (Medical Science) is conducted fully online and has been designed for medical scientists who want to extend their knowledge in a number of developing areas of medical science. The program provides opportunities to examine the latest advances in laboratory medicine in an interdisciplinary and global context. The online program allows you to develop skills in the use of information technology in the rapidly evolving fields of telepathology and e-health, via a course in medical informatics. Inclusion of management courses allows you to develop an understanding of business and management practices in the context of laboratory medicine. This is an articulated program consisting of a coursework component (two thirds of the program) and a research component that may include:

- a laboratory-based project and thesis (conventional pathway) or
- a dissertation in conjunction with two additional approved elective courses (alternative pathway).

You have the opportunity to direct your own learning and acquire independent and life-long learning skills through contract learning activities.

Career outlook
Graduates are prepared for senior positions in diagnostic laboratories or in industry.

Professional recognition
The program is accredited by the Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS) in the United Kingdom.

Entry requirements
For admission to the master degree you must have a directed degree in medical laboratory science/laboratory medicine from an Australian university (or equivalent) and at least one year of work experience in the field of laboratory medicine, preferably at a postgraduate level. International applicants should contact the program coordinator to have their qualifications assessed for eligibility.

Extra requirements

Computer requirements
To access program materials, students will require a personal computer with a minimum of Windows XP, MS Office and Internet Explorer 6 browser, or its equivalent. Students will also require internet access, preferably with a broadband connection.

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Additional costs
Students enrol into the La Trobe courses via the cross-institutional outbound process and the fees are paid to La Trobe. You are advised to confirm course fees with the School of Medical Sciences before enrolling.

What you will study
The teaching approach adopted in this program acknowledges that all students will be adult learners who have diverse backgrounds. The experiences of students will be a major resource of learning material in the courses. The Master consists of 144 credit points. This incorporates the Graduate Diploma (96 credit points).

The following is an example of courses offered:

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**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.

### Student contribution band

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<th>Band 1: humanities, behavioural science, social studies, education, clinical psychology, foreign languages, visual and performing arts, nursing</th>
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| Band 2: mathematics*, statistics*, computing, built environment, other health, allied health, science*, engineering surveying, agriculture | $8363 |

| Band 3: law, accounting, administration, economics, commerce, dentistry, medicine, veterinary science | $9792 |


* 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.

Fees indicated relate to 2012 and should only be used as a guide. 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%.

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**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](http://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](http://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.


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.

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. For more information visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/ssaf.

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.

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www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees

International/non-Australian residents

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

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/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

International/non-Australian residents

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

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