City-Based, Global Focus

Explore Your Study Options

This brochure outlines business and statistics programs offered at RMIT’s City campus in Melbourne.

College of Business

Comprising six teaching schools and over 400 staff, the RMIT College of Business is one of the largest business teaching facilities in Australia and has delivered high quality programs for nearly seventy years. With programs offered in Vietnam, and significant teaching partnerships in China, Hong Kong, Indonesia and Singapore, the College of Business attracts approximately 27,000 students in the Asia-Pacific region.

The College provides industry-responsive programs relevant to students and the future needs of employers. Alongside established programs covering international management, finance, accounting and law, specialist programs are also available. The breadth of programs offered is possible through collaborative teaching and research and many Business students find that they are studying alongside peers from a variety of business disciplines throughout their time at RMIT.

School of Mathematical and Geospatial Sciences

The School draws together disciplines involving the collection and analysis of data and the understanding and optimisation of systems through modelling and visualisation.

The School offers the Bachelor of Science (Statistics) (Honours). Postgraduate coursework and research degrees are also offered in Analytics, Statistics and Operations Research, Mathematical Sciences, Information Security and Geospatial Sciences.

Choosing a Program

Different programs require different time commitments. Programs may involve independent study, group work, daytime or evening classes and weekend classes or workshops. Online delivery of some courses may be offered.

Please read the learning and teaching section for each program to plan a good balance of your work, personal and study commitments.

Graduate Profile

‘The Bachelor of Business (Honours) allowed me to analyse and understand technological developments in the business world. My specific research project focused on the positive aspects of social networking.

‘The academic supervisors at RMIT seek to instil creativity and freedom of exploration. I loved the fact that I was able to work independently and take the reigns for my own research project.’

Abigail Wong (cover image)
Bachelor of Business (Honours)
Swanston Academic Building

RMIT's new Building 80 features wireless connection to printers, the web and specialist learning resources, interactive lecture and tutorial spaces, lectorial theatres, small-group rooms and other innovative spaces to support enterprise formation. Formal learning areas are interspersed with retail and social spaces and scenic outlooks over the city of Melbourne.

The result is a stimulating environment to encourage creative and intellectual activity among a variety of users.

Go on a Swanston Academic Building virtual tour:
www.rmit.edu.au/bus/sab/tour

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.
Bachelor of Business (Honours)

Program Code
BH064

Duration
1 year full-time or 2 years part-time

Fees and Scholarships
Please refer to Fees List and Money Matters on page 10.

URL
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/bh064

Gain deeper theoretical knowledge in your chosen discipline by completing core and elective courses and a minor thesis of 15,000 words.
Projects outside the current research in your chosen discipline may be undertaken subject to approval from the Program Director.

Learning and Teaching
Your face-to-face and online lectures will cover theoretical concepts and framework and include relevant examples from business settings.
You’ll be able to share ideas, develop your problem-solving skills in seminars and group discussions, and written assessment tasks will enable you to develop your writing skills and ability to analyse and synthesise information.
In addition, you will have access to the Learning Hub and other online and digital resources such as lecture notes, assessment tools, discussion boards and podcasts available through the myRMIT student portal.

Location
Your classes will be held at the Swanston Academic Building. Please refer to page 3 for details.

Assessment
Written assessment tasks will enable you to develop your writing skills and enhance your ability to analyse and synthesise information. Your minor thesis will be assessed by two examiners.

Program Structure
You will enrol in two compulsory courses, two electives from your chosen discipline and complete a minor thesis of 15,000 words. Electives may be chosen from a range of business disciplines except economics and finance. Students wishing to undertake Honours in this field should refer to BH039 Bachelor of Business (Economics and Finance) (Honours) on page 6.

Research Thesis Topics
Research topics are available in the following areas:

Accounting and Corporate Governance
- Accountability in public sector and not-for-profit organisations
- Accounting education: psychometric factors affecting student learning
- Accounting historical events and developments that have impacted on contemporary accounting structures and practices
- Corporate governance, board composition, ownership structures and their effects on corporate financial performance and disclosures
- Detecting and dealing with fraud and ethics issues
- Developing accounting graduate capabilities
- Effectiveness of internal and external auditors in their corporate governance monitoring role
- Environmental management accounting systems and practices
- Governance policies aimed at improving corporate social and environmental performance
- The historical developments and impacts of accounting professions in different countries
- Innovations in teaching and learning in accounting
- Social and environmental accounting and accountability reporting

Information Management and Knowledge Transfer
- Business sustainability
- Comparative Asian management
- The endeavours towards the knowledge society in Australia
- Enhanced job-seeking tools—vocational rehabilitation management and entrepreneurship
- Expatriate management
- Human resources management/employment relations in the Asia–Pacific
- Innovation and technology management
- Just in Time Information Services with mobile technologies: students’ experiential learning
- Knowledge management in small and medium size enterprises: an Australian perspective
- Learning pathways in information systems education
- Links between strategy implementation and organisational culture
- Management of global organisations
- Quality management framework for assessing workplace learning
- Risk management
- Scholarly communication in professional fields of study
- Social entrepreneurship
- Social network analysis
- Sustainable family business practices.

Information Systems
- Bring-your-own-device (BYOD)
- Decision making under uncertainty
- E-commerce, e-business, and e-government
- Fuzzy optimisation
- Green information systems
- Managing recruitment via social media
- Multicriteria decision making
- Social media in market.

Management and Entrepreneurship
- Behaviour in organisations
- Business and labour history
- Business ethics
- Business sustainability and climate change adaptation
- Business tax compliance
- Comparative Asian management
- Corporate social responsibility
- Cultural diversity
- E-business management
- Expatriate management
- Gender and diversity in the workplace
- Gender and organisations
- Global organisation and working conditions
- International Business
- Health services management
- HRM and employment relations in the Asia–Pacific
- Indigenous micro-enterprise
- Industrial relations and trade unions
- Innovation and technology management
- International business
- Labour standards
- Leadership
- Leadership and innovation
- Management of diversity
- Management of global organisations
- Public sector management and governance
- Risk management
- Social entrepreneurship
- Social networks in management
- Strategy and organisational culture
- Sustainable family business practices
- Women and entrepreneurship
- Work and labour.

Marketing
- Branding strategies, including the marketing of authenticity and heritage, design-led brands, food brands, sports brands, and cult brands
- Business to Business (B2B) marketing strategies including customer relationship management in B2B, branding in business markets, and buyer behaviour
- Consumer behaviour, including consumer interaction with design, consumer identity, storytelling and decision-making, intense brand loyalty, consumer forgiveness following service failure, and using qualitative methods to examine traditional problems in consumer behaviour
- Customer (B2C) relationships including relationship value, developing relationships, loyalty programs and customer relationship management
- Electronic marketing including word-of-mouth referrals, the role of blogs and viral marketing campaigns, case studies of e-marketing campaigns or successes. Empirical analysis of the development of e-marketing in Australia
- Ethical and social issues in marketing including societal and environmental marketing, country of origin marketing effects, cause-related marketing and non-profit/corporate marketing partnerships, donor behaviour and other social issues
— Industry-specific research topics, including sport marketing and sponsorship, automotive marketing issues, retail marketing and online shopping rituals, tourism and food marketing and consumption
— Integrated marketing communications including advertising effects, direct marketing, sponsorship management
— Macromarketing
— Marketing and design including how firms leverage design for commercial benefits, creative methods of new product development, and case studies of famous design firms
— Marketing education, experiential marketing learning, competitive marketing education
— Marketing history
— Marketing intelligence use.

Mobile Health (mHealth)—Technology/IT Perspective
— Analysis, design, development, and evaluation of mHealth preventive (proactive) and treatment (reactive) schemes
— Behavioural monitoring and mental health: emotion, motivation, and behavioural prediction
— Brainwave biofeedback systems: analyses of gamma, alpha, beta, theta, and delta waves
— Contactless biometric sensing
— Design and prototyping biomedical systems
— End-to-end (E2E) medical sensor networks
— FDA regulations for mHealth
— Invasive versus non-invasive mHealth deployment issues
— Medical data traffic classifications
— Technology-assisted aging population assistance: mental stimulation, location monitoring.

Social Media (Web 2.0) Technologies and Cloud Computing
— Cloud computing adoption model
— Cloud computing change management
— Cloud computing security issues
— Cloud computing standards
— Government 2.0
— Organisational use of Web 2.0 technology
— Organisational value of social media
— Social media strategies for marketing and business intelligence.

Systems Modelling, Services Science, Resources and Logistics
— Application of soft systems methodologies to supply chain strategic thinking
— Business performance measures: scorecard, multi-criteria decision making
— Collaboration in supply chain management
— Consensus decision making under uncertainty
— Demand forecasting and inventory modelling
— Enterprise resource planning (ERP) implementation and value in small- and medium-size enterprises
— Freight movement, warehousing and transport modelling
— Global strategic supply chain management
— Green logistics/customers
— Information, supply chain practices, coordination, and performance
— Lean logistics, lean six sigma, and agile systems
— Military logistics and humanitarian aid operations
— Modelling complex systems
— Modelling impact of climate change mitigation strategies using system dynamics
— Modelling population dynamics using agent-based modelling
— Monte Carlo simulation, heuristics and stochastics modelling
— Neural network theory, fuzzy logic scheduling (job shop scheduling)
— Operations research: optimisation modelling, linear programming, integer programming, goal programming, queuing theory, dynamic simulation
— Ports and maritime supply chains
— Production and services management
— Retail/food supply chain management
— Reverse logistics modelling and environment issues
— Risks and security issues in supply chains
— Role of information systems in small shipping companies
— Service outsourcing
— Service outsourcing: strategic implications of green IT
— Spatial modelling for logistics application
— Strategic information systems
— Strategic outsourcing of logistics

— Sustainable procurement
— Theory of constraints and its application
— Third/fourth party logistics (3/4PL)
— Total quality management and logistics services competency management.

Supervision
RMIT has more than 530 research supervisors listed, all with unique interests and areas of specialisation. Supervisors will be allocated based on selection into the honours degree and choice of thesis topic.
www.rmit.edu.au/bus/postgrad/honours

Industry Connections
Guiding the development of the College of Business, nationally and internationally, is an Industry Advisory Board of high-profile executives chaired by Gerhard Vorster, Chief Strategy Officer, Deloitte. The Board creates a strategic bridge between the latest in technology and design thinking and business.

Career
Graduates from the Honours degree will be literate and analytical practitioners, prepared to conduct effective research in a business or industry setting or continue to masters or PhD level research.

Entry Requirements
An Australian bachelor degree or equivalent in a business discipline that includes a major in entrepreneurship, management, international business, marketing, accounting, information systems, information and knowledge management or logistics from a recognised tertiary institution with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (out of 4.0)/60%/Credit.

How to Apply
Apply directly to RMIT University
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/direct
Please refer to How to Apply on page 11 for details.

Pathway
Business research programs are offered at master and doctoral level.

Candidate Profile

‘The Honours degree allowed me to use my technical and business skills to figure out how video games could be used to improve tertiary education. Like many people my age, I find video games engaging and I enjoy playing them. However combining these games with education has had mixed results in the past and I was curious to investigate why.

‘I liked being able to independently research a topic I was very interested in. It helped to kick-start my research career and I am now undertaking a PhD at RMIT.’

Justin Filippou
Bachelor of Business (Business Information Systems)
and Bachelor of Business (Honours)
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) (Business Information Systems)
The Bachelor of Business (Economics and Finance) (Honours) equips talented and ambitious students with the economic and financial skills needed to obtain high-level career paths in government and industry, or to progress to master or PhD research degrees. You are encouraged to develop your own thesis topic in the broad area of economics and finance.

**Learning and Teaching**

This advanced program of study provides you with an opportunity to develop superior skills in research, analysis and communication in the areas of finance and economics.

Courses are offered during the day and late afternoon/early evening. Some advanced-level elective workshops are offered over several days and/or weekends.

In addition, you will have access to the Learning Hub and other online and digital resources such as lecture notes, assessment tools, discussion boards and podcasts available through the myRMIT student portal.

**Location**

Your classes will be held at the Swanston Academic Building. Please refer to page 3 for details.

**Assessment**

Assessment tasks are designed to evaluate your development of the graduate capabilities of the program. You will be required to prepare reports and write literature reviews, and undertake group and individual assignments, examinations, quizzes and oral presentations. Your minor thesis will be assessed by two examiners.

Learning activities, whether undertaken individually or as part of a group, are designed to develop these skills, and include:

- review and analysis of discipline-specific published literature
- collection and analysis of economic and financial data
- reporting on the findings of analysis of economic and/or financial data
- solving advanced discipline-specific problems using the appropriate analytical skills and/or theoretical frameworks
- the application of mathematical and statistical skills to real-life situations
- participation in informal classroom discussions and seminar presentations.

**Program Structure**

There are six specially designed courses and a minor thesis that is completed in your final semester.

Thesis preparation classes are run in semester 1 to explain the requirements and structure of a thesis and to introduce you to the research resources available to you at RMIT.

The current program structure is outlined below. All courses are 12 credit points each unless otherwise indicated.

To read individual course descriptions, please enter the course code at www.rmit.edu.au.

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**Research Thesis Topics**

You are encouraged to choose your own topic. The thesis topic must be in the broad area of economics and finance and be able to be supervised within the School. If you have difficulty in choosing a topic, potential supervisors may suggest topics they are willing to supervise. Past thesis topics have included:

- An examination of managed funds performance by fund managers in Australia
- The costs of unemployment and inflation in Australia.
- The deregulation of Victoria's retail liquor industry
- Forecasting Australian macroeconomic variables
- Forecasting inflation: a case study of the Australian economy
- Forecasting tourism arrivals: to deseasonalise or not deseasonalise
- The impact of patent activity on Australian listed biotechnology companies
- Monetary policy: Has it lost its effectiveness?
- The monetary transmission mechanism
- Share performance of publicly listed English football clubs
- The profitability of technical trading rules in the foreign exchange market
- The term structure of interest rates and its relationship with inflation and output in Australia
- Testing for bubbles in the Australian housing market.

**Supervision**

Your honours thesis supervisor will normally be a member of the lecturing staff in RMIT’s School of Economics, Finance and Marketing, whose research interests match those of the proposed thesis topic. There are approximately 25 members of staff within the School who are able to supervise honours students. A list of potential supervisors and their research interests is made available to you early in your first semester.
Industry Connections

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In addition, the School of Economics, Finance and Marketing ensures you are exposed to current industry developments by inviting industry experts as guest lecturers. The School extends its industry links through the appointment of adjunct professors who are selected based on their professional achievements.

Career

Past graduates have found employment at the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Department of Treasury, Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA), Goldman Sachs’s New York office, and JBWere Goldman Sachs’s Melbourne office. Others are presently undertaking further research studies or have successfully completed a PhD degree.

Entry Requirements

An Australian bachelor degree or equivalent in economics and/or finance from a recognised tertiary institution, with a minimum average grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (out of 4.0)/70%/Distinction. Students must have studied economics at a third-year level and preferably studied finance and quantitative methods.

How to Apply

Apply directly to RMIT University www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/direct. Please refer to How to Apply on page 11 for details.

Pathway

Business research programs are offered at master and doctoral level.

Further Information

Prospective students are welcome to contact the Program Coordinator, or meet with academic services and teaching staff. Information events are run throughout the year, please refer to the section at the back of this brochure.

Dr George Tawadros, Program Coordinator
School of Economics, Finance and Marketing
Tel. 03 9925 5510
Email: george.tawadros@rmit.edu.au

Graduate Profile

‘I chose RMIT because of its vibrant culture, central location, and renowned history of providing practical education in economics and finance.

‘The Bachelor of Business (Economics and Finance) (Honours) broadens your theoretical, practical and analytical skills. It enables you to specialise in an area you are passionate about and challenges you to think beyond the concepts learnt in your undergraduate degree.

‘The program gives you access to top-class lecturers and resources, which are invaluable and provide a superior advantage when you are being assessed by future employers.’

Desmond Tsao
Bachelor of Business (Economics and Finance) (Honours)
Bachelor of Science (Statistics) (Honours)

Program Code
BH063
Campus
City campus
Duration
1 year full-time or 2 years part-time
A summer semester is available and some students may be able to accelerate their progress.
Fees and Scholarships
Please refer to Fees List and Money Matters on page 10.
URL
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/bh063

This program allows you to specialise in statistics and operations research, preparing you for postgraduate research and employment. You’ll build on the analytic and modelling skills developed in your three-year undergraduate program and use modern statistical and operations research software.

Learning and Teaching
The program offers you rich, diverse, theoretical and applied learning experiences. You will be encouraged to actively participate in class and to engage with, and learn from teaching staff, fellow students, tutors and industry professionals.

The program has been designed to build upon undergraduate theory and practice through both advanced coursework and an honours thesis aligned with industry research. Lectures are combined with tutorial and laboratory sessions to help you build an advanced understanding of statistical theories and concepts.

Course delivery is typically through face-to-face lectures at the Melbourne City campus, where you will be exposed to theory. Where appropriate, tutorial and/or laboratory classes are also delivered. You may also make use of RMIT research facilities for analysis and computation under the direction of your supervisor.

In addition, you will have access to the Learning Hub and other online and digital resources available through the myRMIT student portal.

Program Structure
The Honours program consists of 96 credit points. You will write an Honours thesis (corresponding to two 12-credit point statistics projects, one each semester) on research you have conducted under the supervision of an academic who will help you choose a topic and guide you through conducting the research and writing the thesis. You will also take advanced studies in statistics and operations research (36 credit points each) consisting of three Honours level courses each semester. These Honours courses are designed to equip you with advanced statistical tools for analysis of data and advanced techniques in operations research.

Topics typically offered in Operations Research include decision analysis, mathematical modeling, stochastic processes, game theory and their applications. Topics typically offered in Statistics include statistical analysis, forecasting, regression analysis, simulation and their applications.

The following is an example of courses offered:

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Industry Connections
During this program you will:

— undertake and be assessed on structured activities allowing you to learn, apply and demonstrate your professional or vocational practice
— interact with industry and community while doing these activities
— complete these activities in real or simulated work contexts or situations.

Career
You will be well placed to pursue employment in research-led establishments where research, statistical maturity and advanced study are in high demand.

These can include:
— the government sector (bodies like Australian Bureau of Statistics and CSIRO)
— industry (where you’ll do analytics/research/modelling)
— commerce (in finance and banking, etc).

Professional Recognition and Accreditation
Graduates will be eligible for membership with the Statistical Society of Australia Inc., the Australian Society for Operations Research, the Australian Mathematical Society and similar societies in other countries.

www.statsoc.org.au
www.asor.org.au
www.austms.org.au

Entry Requirements
You should have completed an undergraduate degree in Statistics and/or Operations Research or a related field and achieved a credit average or Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 2.5 out 4.0.

How to Apply
Apply directly to RMIT University
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/direct
Please refer to How to Apply on page 11 for details.

Pathway
This program doesn’t articulate with any existing RMIT program and course exemptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

On completion of this program, you can apply for entry into a master or PhD by research.

Student Profile

‘I completed a Work-Integrated Learning placement with The Smith Family, analysing the fundraising data from the Around the Bay in a Day cycling event. I was able to help The Smith Family review the success of the event in the previous year and identify areas for improvement in the future to sustain growth. The placement gave me a new perspective on how my analytical skills could be useful to almost any organisation.’

Aaron Corris
Bachelor of Science (Statistics) (Honours)
Research Programs

Master and PhD by Research

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You can find further details about individual programs by typing in the specific URL listed above.

What’s the Difference: Honours or Master?

An honours degree is an extra year of your bachelor degree, which involves independent work on a major research project.

A master degree by research also involves a major research project, but is taken over two years and is an additional degree to your bachelor degree.

www.rmit.edu.au/research

To Start Your Career in Research:

1. Complete your bachelor degree with high grades.
2. Complete an honours degree or a master degree by research.
3. If you excel in your honours degree or master degree by research, you can continue your research in a doctorate (PhD). This involves four years of research under the supervision of a senior researcher.

For further information about entry requirements and the application process for postgraduate by research programs, please refer to the How to Apply section of this brochure.
Money Matters

Honours Degrees

The tuition fees vary according to each program and are adjusted on an annual basis. For higher education programs, tuition fees are rounded up to the nearest $10 per credit point increment. The absolute fee increase may exceed 7.5%.

You are encouraged to confirm fees for 2014 on the fees web page (available from October 2013) www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees prior to making an application.

Commonwealth supported places are available for these honours programs.

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 2014.

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<td>Band 3: law, accounting, administration, economics, commerce, dentistry, medicine, veterinary science</td>
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* Subject to the passage of legislation.

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.

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

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 and you therefore have full exemption from tuition fees.

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

www.rmit.edu.au/graduateresearch

Other Fees and Expenses

In addition to tuition fees, you may be charged a student services and amenities fee (SSAF) which is indexed annually. Eligible students can 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 or visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees.

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.

Scholarships Office
Tel. 03 9925 2811
Email: scholarships@rmit.edu.au
www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships

HECS-HELP

HECS-HELP assists eligible students in a Commonwealth supported place to pay their student contribution. 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. To learn more about FEE-HELP visit www.studyassist.gov.au to obtain a copy of the FEE-HELP Information booklet.

Income Tax Deductions

Students may be eligible to apply for income tax deductions relating to the education expenses that are linked to their employment. The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) website at www.ato.gov.au provides guidance on the taxation treatment of your fees.
How to Apply

Honours Degrees

Entry Requirements
To be considered for admission, you must meet University entry requirements. In addition, you must also meet program entry requirements to be considered for admission. Refer to the URL listed under individual program entries for entry requirement eligibility before applying.

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, visit 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.

* Note: There is no midyear intake for the Bachelor of Business (Economics and Finance) (Honours).

Research Degrees

Entry Requirements
Refer to the URL listed under postgraduate by research programs for entry requirement eligibility before applying. Also refer to www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/research.

Finding a Supervisor
All applicants need to find a supervisor with similar research interests as themselves and discuss a research 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.
www.rmit.edu.au/research/searchsupervisors

Application Process
Application for candidature involves three steps:
1. Find a program and confirm eligibility
2. Seek academic advice
3. Complete and submit application form and all supporting documents.
For detailed information visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/research or contact the School of Graduate Research.

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 2014 scholarships are open from 1 September until 31 October 2013.
Applications for 2014 Research Training Scheme (RTS) places are open from 1 September until 31 March 2014. Early offers will be made in December to applicants that apply by 31 October 2013. Applicants who submit their applications after 31 October will be advised of the outcome from early January.
Applications for midyear 2014 RTS places are open 1 May until 31 August 2014. Early offers will be made in June to applicants that apply by 31 May 2014. Applicants who submit their applications after 31 May will be advised of the outcome from early July.

Further Information

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Information for Prospective Students
Information sessions are run throughout the year.
For details visit
— the College of Business postgraduate studies page www.rmit.edu.au/bus/postgrad
— the RMIT University Eventbrite web page http://rmituniversity.eventbrite.com.au
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