Contribute to positive policy outcomes for our communities and be prepared for leading roles at all levels of government and human services organisations.

Make sense of critical issues in society and engage in policy development and implementation practices that contribute to positive policy and social outcomes for our communities.

This program has been specifically designed for policy actors and managers working in government and community sector organisations.

Taught by leading policy academics and industry professionals, the program reflects the latest debates, issues and approaches to global, national and local policy making and development.

You will graduate with specialised knowledge and skills in all facets of public policy including:
- evidence-based policy and practice
- global governance
- equity
- public sector reform

Learning and Teaching

Flexible Study Options
This program is designed to accommodate students who are currently working, with flexible study options including evening classes, intensive full-day workshops and access to online resources. Some core courses are offered online or intensively.

Time Commitment
Full-time students will attend approximately eight to 12 hours of classes per week, combined with self-directed study and research.

Networking Opportunities
This is a career-oriented program, with many students already working in the field. As such, there will be opportunities to develop professionally through shared knowledge and networks.

Thought leaders working in public policy management and development are regularly brought in as guest lecturers to provide you with knowledge of current best practice and prepare you to apply your skills immediately in your chosen career.

Program Structure
Through a combination of core and elective courses you will explore the links between evidence, policy and practice and learn to determine the ways in which contemporary ideas and practices enable, shape and limit public policy reform.

You’ll complete the following core courses:
- Social Policy
- Global Governance
- Sociology of Social Problems
- Social and Political Theory
- Policy Economics
- Policy Making
- Program Management and Evaluation
- Ethics, Values and Public Policy
- Evidence, Policy and Practice
- Integrated Policy and Research Project

You will select elective courses led by academic experts from a range of social science streams, including:
- public policy and management
- human services
- urban and regional planning
- environmental management
- international development and global studies
- justice studies
- human rights
- research

Career
Graduates are highly employable in human services organisations, community-based agencies, various levels of government and increasingly in the private and corporate sector.

Relevant organisations include:
- federal, state and local government
- trade unions
- large community sector organisations (such as the Salvation Army, the Brotherhood of St Laurence and the Victorian Council of Social Service)
- specialist research and policy centres
- other organisations such as the Council to Homeless Persons and the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria Inc

Entry Requirements
An Australian bachelor degree or its equivalent. Applicants with significant work experience may also be considered. Applicants applying for entry on the basis of work experience must include a CV and direct applicant statement detailing their experience with their application.

If you have successfully completed a bachelor degree with studies in politics, sociology or social work, you may be eligible for one semester credit, shortening the duration to one-and-a-half years full-time or three years part-time. This will be determined upon application.
How to Apply

Direct Application
Apply online at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/direct.
Semester 1 timely applications for coursework programs open on Open Day (9 August) and are due by 10 November.*
Semester 2 (Midyear) applications open 1 May and are due by 31 May.*
For more information: www.rmit.edu.au/programs(midyear).
*Applications will continue to be accepted until all places have been filled. You are encouraged to lodge your application early.

Fees Explained

Full-Fee Places
Students in full-fee places are required to pay a tuition fee that covers the full tuition costs of their program. The tuition fees vary according to each program and are adjusted on an annual basis. Financial assistance may be available through the FEE-HELP scheme (see right for details).
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 for 2016 are listed under each program in this booklet or visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees from October 2015.

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 expenses vary from program to program. For more information 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 RMIT scholarships available.
Coursework Scholarships Office
Tel. +61 3 9925 2811
Email: scholarships@rmit.edu.au
www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships

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.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/helploans/fee-help.

Income Support
The Australian Government has approved this postgraduate program for student income support payments. The list of approved programs is available at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/highered/masters.
To check your eligibility for student income support or rent assistance, please contact Centrelink or visit www.humanservices.gov.au.

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.

International Students
For information on fees, selection requirements and how to apply, please go to the program information on the RMIT website at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/mc216 (CRICOS code 079693F).

Student Profile

“Having spent the better part of my twenties working as an audio engineer for the television, radio and advertising industries, I became increasingly engaged with Australian social issues.
“I saw RMIT's Master of Public Policy as a practical step towards a career that seeks to address social inequalities. I really liked the broad range of subjects offered and the focus on face-to-face coursework in intensive workshops.
“An important consideration was having multiple timetable options and the flexibility to organise my study load around work and my family.”
Jack Jerome Berryman (cover)
Master of Public Policy

RMIT is a world leader in social justice and homelessness research and supports a number of research projects and networks that maintain wider links with local and global communities. Research centres include the Centre for Applied Social Research and the Centre for Urban Research.
Why Postgrad?

A Competitive Edge
Employment opportunities increase by 85% after completing a postgraduate qualification.*

Increase Your Earnings
On average, a postgraduate qualification will up your long-term earnings by more than 15%.

Turn Career Dreams into Reality
Almost 50% of people feel like they are in the wrong career. A postgraduate qualification will empower you to follow your passion.

Why RMIT?

1. **Take your career to the next level**
   RMIT was ranked 79th in the world by global employers for graduate employability in the 2014 QS World University Rankings.

2. **Flexibility that works for you**
   40% of RMIT’s 11,700 postgraduate students study part-time with many flexible learning options.

3. **Broaden your horizons**
   RMIT offers exchange opportunities at over 200 institutions across 41 countries.

4. **Open doors to worldwide opportunities**
   RMIT has over 200 research collaborations with overseas partners and industry. RMIT graduates are employed in more than 100 countries around the world.

5. **Transform the future through research**
   RMIT is ranked as one of the top five Australian universities for excellence in key research disciplines, and was awarded more than $19 million in research funding in 2014.

6. **Education that packs a punch for your prospects**
   RMIT is ranked as one of the world’s top 35 universities for key subject areas in the 2015 QS World University Rankings.

The information in this guide is specific to Australian and New Zealand citizens and permanent residents of Australia.

Disclaimer: The information contained in this guide is subject to change without notice. It is the responsibility of the applicant to check and confirm all general and specific program information prior to lodging an application for enrolment. For the most up-to-date program information, please refer to the RMIT University website. Visit www.rmit.edu.au. This guide is designed for Australian and New Zealand citizens and permanent residents of Australia. Vocational education programs are delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth funding for eligible students. RMIT University CRICOS Provider Code: 00122A. RTO Code: 3046.