Environment and Planning
Postgraduate

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Be true to you
Master of
International Urban and Environmental Management

Program Code
MC222

Campus
City campus, Online

Duration*
2 years full-time or 4 years part-time.
* A shorter duration is available for students with a bachelor degree from specified disciplines. Please see Entry Requirements.

2016 Tuition Fee
Full-Fee Places
$19,200 per year full-time.
Please refer to Fees Explained on page 7.

How to Apply
Apply directly to RMIT University at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/direct.
Please refer to How to Apply on page 7.

Exit Points
GD067 – Graduate Diploma in International Urban and Environmental Management

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This program focuses on international urban and environmental management in the Asia-Pacific region and other nations of the Global South. You will develop critical and analytical skills to provide appropriate technological and community-based responses to urbanisation issues such as:
- infrastructure development
- informal settlements
- environmental degradation
- the ecological and economic requirements of cities and rural urban environments
You will be prepared to work on international projects at the regional or local scale, for governments of emerging nations, development organisations, aid or emergency agencies and with professional consultancies.

Program Structure
Through a combination of core and elective courses you’ll examine urbanisation issues in the developing world and learn to create and implement projects for change across the globe. You will complete the following core courses:
- Urbanisation Issues in the Asia-Pacific Region
- Climate Change Responses
- Global Governance
- Natural Resource Management
- Environmental Policy and Governance
- Environmental Management Systems and Tools
- Research Strategies – Social Sciences
- Economics of Spatial Decision Making
- International Urban and Environmental Management Project

Industry Connections
RMIT has multiple links with associated professional bodies and the planning and environment industries, including regular collaboration with the Planning Institute of Australia (Victorian Division). Planning practitioners often participate in the program as guest lecturers.
RMIT is a world leader in research into urban and environmental management and supports a number of research projects and networks that maintain wider links with local and global communities. Such research programs include the Peri-urban Region Research Group, the Interdisciplinary Conservation Science Research Group and the Centre for Urban 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, with the potential to find related employment after, or even before, graduating.
Career
This interdisciplinary program provides an intensive professional education that will equip you to work on sustainable urban development in:
— governments of developing nations
— non-government organisations (NGOs)
— international development agencies
— aid or emergency agencies
— professional consultancies

Global Opportunities
Students in this program have undertaken study tours and industry placements in countries such as China, Sri Lanka and Vietnam. Study tours allow you to explore a range of social, urban and environmental challenges facing developing countries.

Professional Recognition
The program is a recognised pathway to membership with the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand Inc. (EIANZ). www.eianz.org

Entry Requirements
An Australian bachelor degree or an equivalent international degree. 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 majoring in urban and regional planning, environmental studies or international development, 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.

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/mc222 (CRICOS Program Code: 078594E).

Student Profile
“I chose to study at RMIT due to the multidisciplinary approach and international focus. I wanted to broaden my knowledge as a planning professional and to develop new skills. RMIT gave me the opportunity to consider environmental problems in an international context.

“I plan on undertaking an exchange to Spain to combine the Spanish skills I’ve learned in the language courses offered alongside my urban and environmental studies.

“If you’re considering postgraduate study I highly recommend that you open your mind to new ideas, take some risks and challenge yourself and your learning.”

Stuart Grigg
Master of International Urban and Environmental Management
Build the specialist knowledge necessary to succeed in a career that creates more interesting and sustainable places for people to live. Combining studies in urban planning and the built environment with the social, economic and political environment, this program aims to create an efficient, interesting, practical, healthy and sustainable world.

You will develop skills in critical analysis and draw from diverse sources to engage in professionally relevant projects, conduct research and promote effective policy outcomes.

You’ll have the opportunity to specialise in urban planning and environmental policy and management.

The urban planning stream explores areas such as:
- planning and environmental law
- strategic and social planning
- integrated transport planning
- public policy development
- urban design

The environmental policy and management stream allows you to specialise in areas including:
- strategies of sustainability
- environmental policy and theory
- energy and natural resource management
- corporate environmental planning

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. The program is offered on campus and online. All core courses and some electives are offered online.

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

Program Structure
Through a combination of core and elective courses you’ll have the opportunity to develop skills in urban planning and environmental policy and management.

You will complete the following core courses:
- History of Planning and Environmentalism
- Strategies for Sustainability
- Managing Contemporary Urban Environments
- Economics of Spatial Decision Making
- Natural Resource Management
- Research Strategies – Social Sciences
- Statutory Plan and Environment
- Urban Planning and Environment Project

Elective courses are available in a variety of social sciences and explore:
- urban planning
- urban design
- environmental management
- environmental policy

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Career
Graduates work as professional urban planners, environmental managers and policy makers in areas such as resource management and strategic, statutory and social planning within the private sector or local and state government.

Professional Recognition
Graduates who select the appropriate courses within the program will be eligible for membership with the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA), with reciprocal membership of key international planning associations. To be eligible for membership you must successfully complete six essential PIA courses and three recognised PIA planning elective courses. Further details of these courses can be found online at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/mc221.

While there is no formal accreditation of environment programs in Australia, successful completion of courses with an environmental focus in the program is a recognised means of entry to the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand Inc. (EIANZ). www.eianz.org
www.planning.org.au

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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 majoring in urban and regional planning or environmental studies, 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.

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I wanted to become a planner because I am motivated by a passion for the built environment and the important role it plays in people’s lives.

I chose to study at RMIT because of the flexibility of the Master degree, which allowed me to fit study around full-time work. The opportunity to learn from a number of nationally and internationally renowned experts who are actively involved in current planning debates was also a key factor in choosing to study at RMIT.

As a planner I want to help shape communities and equip them to face future challenges. We need communities that are sustainable, equitable and engaging and my degree will enable me to make this vision a reality.

Katherine Elizabeth Smith
Master of Urban Planning and Environment
RMIT students gain hands-on experience working in teams during field studies and excursions, locally and internationally.

Projects that involve community groups or companies allow you to put your skills into action and make an impact before you graduate.

Engage in professionally relevant projects while on study tour in Vietnam.
Postgraduate Studies by Coursework

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.

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 Commonwealth Government has approved a number of RMIT University postgraduate programs 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.

Other Fees and Expenses

In addition to tuition fees, you will 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, please 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.

How to Apply

Postgraduate Studies by Coursework and Honours Degrees

Entry Requirements
To be considered for admission you must meet the RMIT University entry requirements as well as any program entry requirements. Entry requirements for each program can be accessed via www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us.

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.*

*Applications will continue to be accepted until all places have been filled. You are encouraged to lodge your application early.

Postgraduate Degrees by Research

Entry Requirements
To be considered for admission you must meet RMIT University entry requirements as well as any program entry requirements. Refer to the program URL for entry requirements before applying. For more information visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/research.

Finding a Supervisor
Before you apply, you need to find qualified supervisors with similar research interests to you and discuss a research proposal with them. It is recommended that you start by contacting the Higher Degrees by Research Coordinator in the academic school to which you are applying, as they can direct you to appropriate potential supervisors. The supervisors will read and comment on your proposal and indicate if they are willing to supervise you.

Your research proposal must be included in your application.

For more information about finding a supervisor visit www.rmit.edu.au/research/search-supervisors.

Application Process
Application for candidature involves three steps:
1. Find a program and confirm eligibility,
2. Seek academic advice and secure the support of qualified supervisor(s),
3. Complete and submit the application form and supporting documents.

For detailed information visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/research or contact the School of Graduate Research at www.rmit.edu.au/graduateresearch.

Application Timelines
Applications to higher degree programs are accepted all year round. There are two scholarship rounds.
Applications for 2016 scholarships are open from 1 July until 31 October 2015. For more information visit www.rmit.edu.au/research/phds-and-other-research-degrees/scholarships-and-support.
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.