

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION @ RMIT

RMIT University is the largest dual sector university in Australia. Since its formation in 1887, RMIT has established an international reputation for excellence in professional and vocational education and high-quality outcome-oriented research.

RMIT research aims to address real world issues, by making a difference to the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of the communities we operate in. To this end we have recently developed four research institutes.

Research Institutes

In 2008, RMIT achieved strong outcomes in research output and grant outcomes. In particular, the University was awarded ARC (Australian Research Council) funding of AU\$7.2 million through the Discovery and Linkage programs, and also more than AU\$1.7 million in NHMRC (National Health and Medical Research Council) funding. RMIT also conferred 181 doctoral degrees in 2008.

Global Cities Research Institute

The Global Cities Research Institute continues to develop strategic partnerships across the public and private spheres, ranging from local to global institutions, associations and corporations. Recent achievements include extending a presence and profile in the areas of globalisation, urban infrastructure, human security and climate change adaptation.

RMIT Platform Technologies Research Institute

This institute has taken a leading role in the integration of smart materials and systems into technology platforms. Research projects stem from the following four programs: nano materials and devices; security and safety; intelligent industrial information technologies; and sports engineering technologies (SportzEdge).

RMIT Health Innovations Research Institute

The Health Innovations Research Institute has capitalised on existing institutional strengths to build increased research and translation capacity in identified areas of socio-economic health burden, including cardiovascular diseases, insulin resistance and diabetes, obesity, arthritis, mental health disease and stroke.

RMIT Design Research Institute

This institute engages with new design technologies to enhance community and individual life. Its research focuses on the delivery of space, environments, services and products through design methodologies that elicit and guide contemporary needs and wishes.

Significant research collaborations have been established with institutions including the Royal College of Art (UK), London College of Communication, ETH Zurich, Loughborough University (UK), Universitat Internacional de Catalunya (Spain), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, AUT University (NZ) and the University of Toronto.

Chile Bicentennial Scholarships

In July 2008, Universities Australia (UA) and the Government of the Republic of Chile established the *Chile-Australia Agreement on the Human Capital Development Program*. The agreement supports up to 500 fully-funded Chilean masters and PhD students each year, to study in Australian universities over the next five years.

This program aims to improve Chile's global competitiveness by strengthening its human capital development and improving the scope and quality of education, scientific and technological research and innovation.

To assist the Chilean Government meet its objectives, RMIT scholarship holders have access to postgraduate study in the following priority fields:

- agriculture and food industry
- biotechnology
- education
- energy
- environmental issues
- health
- housing and public security
- information and communication technologies.

For further information on specific programs related to priority fields, please refer to the following web site:

www.rmit.edu.au/students/scholarships/international/chile.

Application details

To apply for a research program at RMIT, you must first identify the area of research you would like to work in.

Once you have identified a research degree you then need to discuss potential research topics and the availability of suitable supervisors with a Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Supervisor. Contact details can be found on the following web site: www.rmit.edu.au/research/hdr/supervisors.

Applying for a research degree takes a little more effort than other applications. The following web site provides you with a guide to the research application process:

www.rmit.edu.au/international/research.

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