



FNU Launches New Higher Degrees by Research Programmes



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The Fiji National University (FNU) will offer new higher degrees by research (PhD and Masters) from next year in key disciplines.

FNU Pro Vice-Chancellor Research, Professor Mohini Singh while making the announcement said Research projects undertaken by Higher Degrees by Research students strengthen our capacity to generate value from new ideas and inventiveness. They are required in Fiji for innovation and for developing a knowledge economy.

According to Professor Singh, FNU is fast gaining recognition as the University in Fiji with the capacity to supervise Higher Degrees by Research students. This is evident with a sharp rise in the number of Higher Degrees by Research student enrollments in 2018 and this new initiative will provide students to undertake studies in a wide range of disciplines.

"The new higher degrees by

research (PhD and Masters by Research) programmes at FNU are of international standards, meeting the requirements of Quality Assurance Agency, UK; Australian Qualification Framework 10 and Fiji Higher Education Commission Framework 10," said Professor Singh.

The FNU doctoral programmes are designed to support research candidates with research preparatory courses, and monitoring of research project progression with three milestones - a candidature confirmation within 10 months of enrolment; a mid-candidature review within 20 months and a completion seminar at the end of 30 months. Duration of the programme is 3 years' full time and 6 years' part time.

The PhD programme is a level 10 program, comprising a 60,000 to 100,000-word thesis, to be examined by two external examiners, followed by an oral examination (viva voce). The research preparatory courses and monitoring of project progression promote excellence and ensure timely completions.

***Disciplines of study include:**

- Doctor of Philosophy (Medicine, Nursing and Health Science)
- Doctor of Philosophy (Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries)
- Doctor of Philosophy (Business, Hospitality and Tourism Studies)
- Doctor of Philosophy (Science, Engineering and Technology)
- Doctor of Philosophy (Education and Humanities)

Masters by Research Programme

The FNU Masters by Research programmes are designed to support research candidates with research preparatory courses, and monitoring of research project progression with two milestones - a candidature confirmation within 8 months of enrolment; and a completion seminar at the end of 18 months. Duration of the programme is 2 years' full time and 4 years' part time. At the end of their completion seminar, the candidate can apply to upgrade from the masters to PhD studies.

Masters by Research programmes are level 9 programmes comprising a 40,000 to 60,000-word thesis which must be the student's own work, embody the results of the work undertaken by the student guided by two supervisors.

These programmes meet the requirements of Quality Assurance Agency, UK; Australian Qualification Framework 9; and Fiji Higher Education Commission Framework 9. Duration of the Programme is 2 years' full time, and 4 years' part time.

Disciplines of study include:

- Master of Medicine, Nursing and Health Science by research
- Master of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries by research
- Master of Business, Hospitality and Tourism Studies by research
- Master of Science, Engineering and Technology by research
- Master of Education and Humanities by research

Application

Applicants should submit a full CV, certified true copies of their academic transcripts, and the names and contact details of three referees.

Closing date for all applications is March 27th 2020.

Completed application form(s) are to be mailed to the address below or dropped off at the nearest FNU Academic Office; Student Academic Services (Admissions) Fiji National University P. O. Box 7222 Nasinu
Email: admission@fnu.ac.fj

PhD Scholarships For Fiji Nationals:

*FNU is offering ten scholarships for PhD studies worth more than two hundred thousand dollars. The university will fund PhD studies in *five selected disciplines for a period of three years for full time study.*

Applicants must be citizens of Fiji.

Benefits and Condition

- Tuition fees (paid directly)
- Book allowance of up to FJD750/year
- Living allowance of FJD 21,600 p.a

Scholarship conditions

These scholarships are for full-time study only. Awardees are not permitted to be in paid employment during the tenure of their awards and will be required to work a minimum of 40 hours per week for the entire year on their research.

For further information, contact:

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