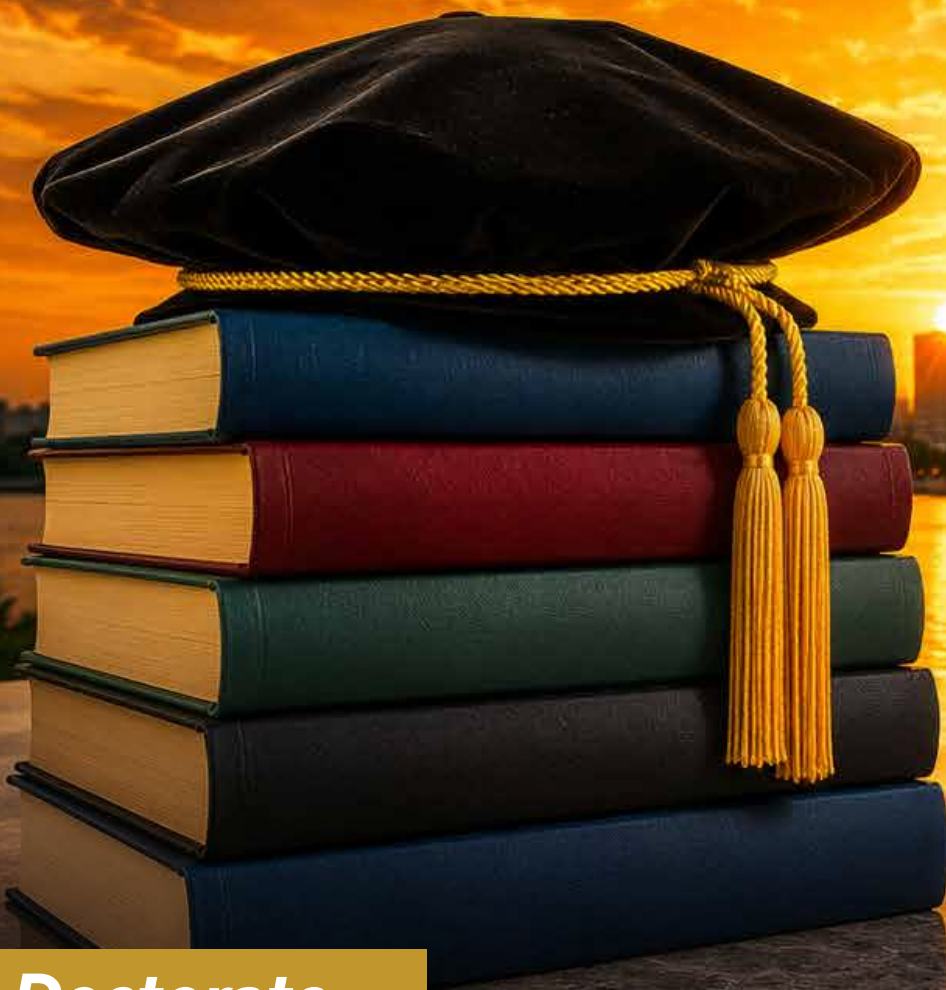




Curtin University

Colombo



Doctorate

***Doctor of
Philosophy (PhD)***

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Pursue world-class research and make a novel contribution to knowledge that creates real-world impact.

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) at Curtin University is a research-intensive program designed for aspiring scholars, innovators and professionals who want to lead new thinking in their field. It equips you with advanced skills in inquiry, analysis and academic writing while empowering you to design and deliver a research project of international standing.

With strong supervision support from Curtin, and access to research networks across the globe, you'll become part of a collaborative research community addressing challenges that matter.

The program is ideal for professionals looking to deepen expertise, academics seeking faculty pathways, or innovators aiming to solve industry-specific problems through structured research.

You may have the opportunity to conduct research or attend conferences internationally, including research visits to Curtin's other campuses.

About Curtin University

Curtin University is an innovative global university with campuses in Australia, Dubai, Singapore, Malaysia, Colombo and Mauritius. We are known for our high-impact research, strong industry partnerships and commitment to preparing students for the jobs of the future.

Curtin is ranked in the top one per cent of universities worldwide in the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU 2025). We are also ranked 183rd in the world for universities by the QS World University Rankings (QSWUR 2026).

About Curtin University Colombo

Curtin University Colombo is a global campus of Curtin University Australia, offering a world-class education in Business, Computing and Engineering, in the heart of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

With a strong focus on academic excellence, industry connections, and state-of-the-art facilities, Curtin University Colombo prepares students for global careers through innovative programs and an inclusive, vibrant campus community.

Top 1% in the world

Curtin ranks in the top 1% of universities worldwide, in the Academic Ranking of World Universities. (2025)

#12 in Australia

(QS World Ranking 2026)

5 Stars Plus

Curtin continues to achieve the highest QS Stars rating possible for a tertiary institution. (QS Stars 2025)

Table 1: Course essentials

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	
Application requirements	You must have completed a qualification demonstrating the capacity to undertake independent research. This includes one of the following: • a bachelor’s degree with first-class or upper second class honours; or • a master’s degree requiring the completion of a publicly available thesis or research project; or • a bachelor’s degree with additional postgraduate study, or a coursework master degree. In exceptional circumstances, candidates who have been enrolled in a research master degree for at least one semester may be considered, subject to approval by the Faculty Graduate Studies Committee.
Course duration	Full-time study: minimum of two years and maximum of four years Part-time study: minimum of four years and maximum of eight years
Fee	AUD\$ 9000 (Full-time/ per annum) AUD\$ 4500 (Part-time/ per annum)
Supervision	A combination of supervisors from Curtin Perth and Curtin Colombo will be allocated

Table 2: Minimum requirements for English proficiency tests

All courses at Curtin University Colombo are delivered in English. Applicants must therefore demonstrate English language proficiency for Higher Degree by Research programs by meeting one of the following requirements:

- successful completion of tertiary studies taught in English at a recognised university or institute, assessed by Curtin University Colombo; or
- achievement of the minimum required scores in an approved English language proficiency test in accordance with Curtin University standards as given below.

	IELTS (International English Language Test System)	PTE Academic (Pearson Test of English Academic)
Writing and Speaking	6.0	50
Reading and Listening	6.0	50
Overall	6.5	58

TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) IBT (Internet Based Test)	
Reading and Listening	13
Speaking	18
Writing	21
Overall	79

Doctoral research at Curtin involves:

- developing a substantial, original thesis that contributes new knowledge or offers innovative reinterpretations of existing concepts
- demonstrating advanced expertise, critical thinking, and the ability to solve complex problems in your field
- collaborating with academic or industry partners locally and globally
- participating in research training, ethics workshops, and publishing opportunities
- access to research infrastructure, travel support for conferences, and guidance throughout the candidacy process.



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