

# PRE-UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION COURSE FOR PHD BY PRIOR PUBLICATION

## WHO THIS COURSE IS FOR

Do you have a good record of scientific publication but no PhD yet?

Do you want a shorter and smarter way to obtain a PhD by capitalising on prior research and publications?

Do you think spending 4 to 5 years on a conventional PhD is not worthwhile at this stage in your career?

**If your answer is yes to these questions, then this course is for you!**

This course will enable you to become better prepared for your PhD by prior publication at a university of your choice. We will help you identify those universities whose PhD programs are suitable and match your interests. We will guide you through the process of better preparing and presenting yourself to take best advantage of this new and emerging approach to getting a PhD.

If you have a good record of research experience and publication, then you deserve the academic recognition that a doctoral degree brings.

## WHY IS IFSD DELIVERING THIS COURSE?

In early 2018, IFSD professionals received several requests for information and guidance from around the world on alternative and shorter routes to getting a PhD. We have a strong team of academics, researchers and practicing professionals who are not only passionate about mentoring and teaching higher degree research students, but are also keen to engage in alternative approaches to PhD and higher degrees.

IFSD has extensively researched universities in the UK, Australia, Ireland, Malaysia and the USA to find alternative approaches to PhD programs. We have located various innovative streams of PhD and higher degrees, and the PhD by Prior Publication (PhDP) is one suited to well published professionals.

Appreciating the value of this alternative route to PhD, IFSD has now developed a global database of universities offering PhDP on a variety of disciplines. We also have experienced academics and researchers to assess your publication and research standing, and to provide guidance to strengthen your publication base to maximise your potential to enrol as a candidate for PhDP in a university.



## COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

1. Understand and explain the frameworks and procedures of PhDP as offered by various universities and prepare a list of relevant universities.
2. Fully explain the requirements for PhDP candidacy for a number of universities of your choice.
3. Identify the strengths and weaknesses of your current publication and research standing in relation to the PHDP requirements of the prioritised universities you select.
4. Identify areas of improvements in your research and publication portfolio to better prepare your application for a PHDP degree.
5. Understand and apply experiential and self-reflective research methods (in social sciences) to deepen your research skills and to take advantage of and practical or experiential insights into new and ongoing publications.
6. Improve your skills in scientific writing to prepare 1-5 papers from your prior research and professional experience (subject to the adequacy of prior research and experience).
7. Develop preliminary outlines for 1-5 additional papers based on your existing research and professional experience (subject to the adequacy of prior research and experience).
8. Draft 1-5 scientific papers (subject to adequate prior research, data and evidence).
9. Prepare your application to PHDP to the universities of choice with confidence.



As part of the course package, IFSD will facilitate your enrolment in an appropriate university either in Australia, the UK, Ireland, other parts of Europe, or Asia.

## PACKAGING OF THE COURSE

Total duration of the course is 5-25 weeks depending on your current research and publication profile.

Candidates will be accepted into any one of the three categories below:

**Category A:** Candidates who have an excellent record of publications (5 or more) can complete the course in 5 weeks. They can then immediately be recommended to a university for enrolment.

**Category B:** Candidates who have up to two recent scientific publications and two others in the pipeline can complete the requirements within 15 weeks. They can be recommended to a university for enrolment within a year.

**Category C:** Candidates who have strong research experience but limited publication will be required to participate in the full course (25 weeks) and have enough time to publish a specific number of papers before they are recommended for enrolment into a university within 1-2 years.

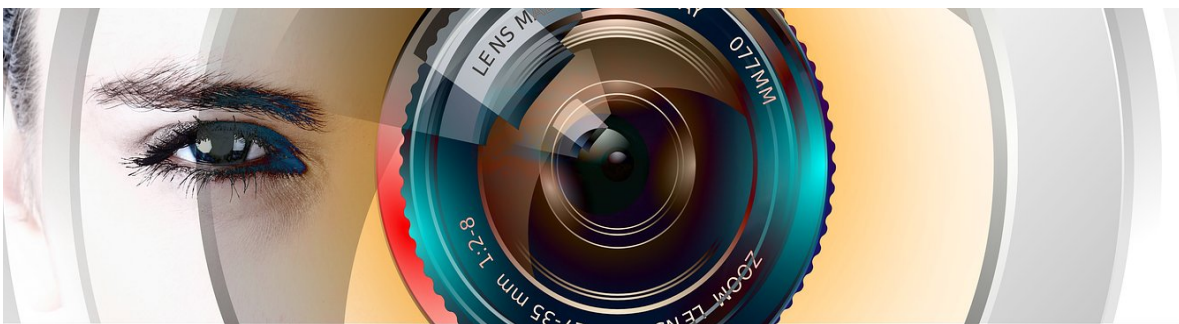
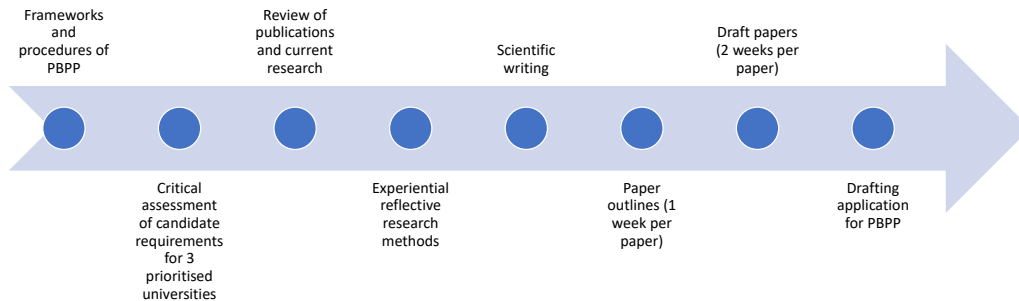


Figure 1. Tentative Flow of the Course



## FEES

The course fee varies with your current state of publication and research standing, and ranges from AUD 3,990 (Category A) to AUD 9,310 (Category C). Your application will be reviewed within two weeks and an applicable fee will be notified. Your course commences one week after the payment of the applicable fee. This amount does not include University fee, which you have to pay directly to the University. The university fee varies greatly by university and the country, and could range from AUD 9,000 to AUD 27,000 for the one year course.

## DELIVERY MODE

Once enrolled at IFSD for this preparatory course, you will be assigned a dedicated mentor who will guide you through the sessions appropriate to your level. You will be mentored by a career advisor while you seek enrolment at a university towards the end of this course (or when you are recommended to start the application). All the courses will be delivered online, so you can participate from anywhere in the world as long as you have reliable internet connection. Individual session plans will be agreed between the mentor and the student.

## APPLICATION

If you are interested in this course, please send us:

- An email stating what you hope to gain from the course
- A CV detailing your publications and research experience
- One-page research synthesis – connecting your research and publications
- Any questions you want to ask about the course

Please send your application to: [info@ifsd.com.au](mailto:info@ifsd.com.au), with the subject: PhD by prior publication.

## DISCLAIMER

This is not a degree course, nor there is any guarantee of securing a formal degree when you graduate from this course. IFSD provides the best possible assistance and support so you can achieve PhD by Prior Publication from a recognised University.