

PhD Zoology

Programme code

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The PhD (Zoology) programme involves conducting specialised research for you to obtain recognition as a fully trained scientist. The the scope of the project is largely driven by your own interests with guidance from a supervisory team with expertise in your chosen field of research. During the project you will be expected to work largely independently towards milestones mutually agreed with your supervisory team.

The PhD (Zoology) degree is conferred on the grounds of a written thesis reporting the results of research that makes an original contribution to the field. The publication of at least one article resulting from your PhD research in a peer-reviewed scientific journal is also required to demonstrate your ability to add to the body of knowledge in your chosen field of research.

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Faculty notes

The Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences is home to more than 6 500 undergraduate and postgraduate students. The Faculty presents degrees in fields ranging from the proverbial A to Z – from actuaries to zoologists, and consists of 13 departments.

All degree programmes are designed to develop problem-solving individuals who can easily adapt to changing circumstances and take the lead in their chosen fields of specialisation. The qualifications awarded are of world-class and provide access to a multitude of career opportunities for dynamic and creative people. According to the latest Times Higher Education World University Rankings the University has achieved new world rankings in Physical Sciences, a discipline which features



strongly in NAS and also maintains excellent positions on the ISI Web of Science (WOS) field rankings in Plant and Animal Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, and Environment and Ecology Sciences.

In the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, we strive to continuously improve our high impact research and significantly address the national shortage of PhD graduates that respond to global and local challenges.

Minimum duration

2 years, full-time

Admission requirements

Relevant master's degree A weighted average of at least 60% for the master's degree