

Introduction to research for international PhD and masters by research students (IRIS)

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Designed and implemented as a joint project between International Student Services and the Research Students Centre and overseen by the Dean of Graduate Studies, IRIS offers a series of intensive classes, presentations and workshops to new international research students at QUT. The core purpose of this program is to help international research students become familiar with the linguistic and academic expectations as well as the cultural conventions required to undertake research at QUT.

This program has been running since 2005 and over 200 students have successfully participated. In 2007 we faced a considerable challenge in that numbers for the course tripled and we were asked to increasingly liaise with and involve academic staff and students' supervisors in the course. This presentation will provide background information about how we met these challenges and the key factors in its success.