

## CETVET Graduate Studies Programmes

- Master by Research
- PhD

### Programme Duration:

- Master Programme:  
Part time - 4 years  
Full time - 2 years
- PhD Programme:  
Part time - 6 years  
Full time - 3 years

### Campus Location:

Derrick Campus, Ratu Mara Road, Samabula



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# Admissions

Welcome to College of Engineering and Technical Vocational Education and Training (CETVET) research programmes. Our PhD and Master by Research students form a valuable part of the research community. Our research students will have the ability to work on real and important issues for Fiji, as they drive a significant percentage of the University’s research output. Applicants can apply for Admission through the online portal available at <https://www.fnu.ac.fj/study/apply/>.

This Master by Research programme is a level 9 program, comprising a 30,000-to-40,000-word thesis which must be the student’s own work, embodying the results of the work undertaken by the student to form a substantially original contribution to knowledge, guided by two supervisors. The Master by Research programme develops research skills and training to analyse critically, synthesise and reflect on complex information, problems, concepts and theories. It will prepare candidates for further studies into a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programme.

The minimum requirements for admission to a Master by Research programme are:

- a. A Postgraduate diploma with a GPA of 3.00 or above (or the equivalent from a recognised University).
- b. A bachelor’s degree with a GPA of 3.5.
- c. An honours Bachelor degree with a GPA of 3.00 (from a recognised institution)
- d. Master by coursework.
- e. Recognised Professional experience: Evidence of academic qualifications and/or experience inclusive of research reports, or dissertations, or publications or other evidence of professional work that satisfies the Dean of the College that, the applicant has sufficient knowledge of the field of study, and capable of undertaking research and the writing of the thesis.

The PhD programme is a level 10 program, comprising a 50,000 to 100,000 word thesis which must be the student’s own work, embody the results of the work undertaken by the student, make a significant contribution to knowledge; and afford evidence of originality by the discovery of new knowledge and independent critical ability.

The minimum requirements for admission to a PhD programme are:

- a. A Master by Research degree.
- b. Where the Master degree is by coursework a GPA of minimum 4.0 is required plus completion of a research method course.
- c. An Honours Bachelor’s degree with a GPA of minimum 4.0 and above or (First or upper Second-class Honours).

- d. Recognised Professional experience: Evidence of academic qualifications and/or experience inclusive of research reports, or dissertations, or publications or other evidence of professional work that satisfies the Dean of the College that, the applicant has sufficient knowledge of the field of study, and capable of undertaking research and the writing of the thesis.

## Enrollments

The enrollments are annualized whereby the student needs to enroll once per year into following course as per their respective programme of study.

Coll ege	Programme Name	Course Code	Course Title	Mode of Study
CET VET	Master by Research (Field of study*)	THS 906	Master by Research Thesis – CETVET	Full Time
		THS 907	Master by Research Thesis – CETVET (PT)	Part Time
	Doctor of Philosophy (Field of study*)	THS 1006	Doctor of Philosophy Thesis – CETVET	Full Time
		THS 1007	Doctor of Philosophy Thesis – CETVET (PT)	Part Time

\*Field of study will be allocated in the admission process which can be updated based on the core area of research during candidature confirmation and completion seminar.

## Forms, Templates and Policies

The forms, templates and policies can be accessed through web page:

<https://www.fnu.ac.fj/engineering-science-technology/research-office/research-forms/>

## Supervisors

For Master by Research at least two supervisors are required. One of these will be a Principal and the other Co-supervisor. For PhD supervision a maximum of three supervisors is required, with one as a Principal and the other two Co-supervisors. CETVET supervisors can be viewed at the following weblink:

<https://www.fnu.ac.fj/engineering-science-technology/research-office/supervisor/>

## Milestones for Master and PhD studies

For full-time PhD candidates:	
a.	Candidature confirmation within 10 months of enrollment.
b.	Completion seminar within 30 months of enrollment.

c. Submission of the thesis for examination at the end of 36 months of enrollment.	
For part-time PhD candidates: Twice the times listed above for full-time PhD candidates	
For full-time Masters by Research candidates:	
a.	Candidature confirmation within 8 months of enrollment.
b.	Completion seminar within 18 months of enrollment.
c.	Submission of the thesis for examination at the end of 24 months of enrollment.
For part-time Masters by Research candidates: Twice the times listed above for full-time Masters by Research candidates.	

## Proposal and budget approval

Students should prepare their proposal in consultation with supervisory team and Associate Dean Research & Innovation. Proposal layout and presentation outline is provided on the link: <https://www.fnu.ac.fj/engineering-science-technology/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2025/04/14.-Proposal-and-presentation-outline.docx>

A maximum of \$10K for Master by research and \$15K for PhD research fund can be applied which will be approved by candidature confirmation panel members in consultation with Associate Dean Research & Innovation. Upon proposal and budget approval, students will be required to fill research office project code creation form and budget template form, to be submitted to Associate Dean Research & Innovation.

## Research material ordering and IRO processing

After confirmation of candidature, each student will be provided with a project code. Students are to prepare their procurement of research materials through IRO as per template and documents required <https://www.fnu.ac.fj/engineering-science-technology/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2025/04/1.-Research-IRO-Analysis-Template.xlsx>

Any queries regarding IROs, advances, acquittals, travels, research assistants and meal claims to be communicated with CETVET research office and all endorsed forms and requested documents to be submitted to [research-cetvet@fnu.ac.fj](mailto:research-cetvet@fnu.ac.fj) and [adrcet@fnu.ac.fj](mailto:adrcet@fnu.ac.fj).

## Student progress

Students should meet thier supervisory team to discuss the progress and get feedback at least once in two weeks and keep a record of the discussions in the Supervisor & Candidate Meeting Log. template. Every term end, students will be required to submit thier meeting logs with the term end progress report.