

Which Mode is Right For You?

Avondale offers research higher degrees in several modes which are designed to fit in with your personal commitments. There are advantages and disadvantages to each mode and therefore the final decision is yours. The following explanation will help you in selecting the option that is right for you.

1. To study by distance education **part-time** has the advantage that you don't have to leave your current place of employment. However, the need to study part-time while working full-time places pressures on you that you would not have if you were studying full-time and not called away by pressures of the job. The other main disadvantage is that you have more limited access to the library resources here (that is, we don't post books overseas although you will have full access to the electronic databases which contain the current journals). Supervision would be by emails, telephone and discussion lists with other students.

2. To study by distance education **full-time** means that you would need to leave your full-time job (or undertake part-time employment), while studying full-time. This relieves the pressure regarding work and has the added advantage of giving you access to your data which may be at your current place of employment. Again the main disadvantage is the reduced access to books in the Avondale library. However this could be compensated for by accessing books in a local academic library, or a period of intensive work at the Avondale library.

3. To study full-time **on campus** in Australia means that you would have better access to books, journals, supervisors and the research culture of Avondale, but of course you would find it more expensive to leave your current employment. You would also need to identify how you would collect your data if you are studying a topic related to your home context.

4. To study by distance education in Australia is not an option for international students due to visa restrictions.

5. If you are an Australian or New Zealand student, the option to study **part-time on campus** while continuing your employment will provide you with access to the Library resources, and regular face-to-face contact with your supervisor while maintaining your current employment and family networks.