



CITY UNIVERSITY  
MALAYSIA  
Est. 1984

CITY GRADUATE SCHOOL

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  
IN DESIGN

QUALITY • TRADITION • RECOGNITION

# City U - City Graduate School

Higher education ensures adults are able to excel in their field of expertise. By preparing them to meet all expectations of the real world environment, we are focused on producing the future leaders and professionals. At City University, we firmly believe in a holistic approach to adopting and developing dynamic professionals. Ever since 1984, we have produced over 35,000 graduates, who are now in various reputable organizations worldwide. Our years of experience, make us one of the oldest private education providers in Malaysia, qualify us as a provider of top-quality yet affordable tertiary studies.

**Quality, Tradition and Recognition**, these three elements are majorly embedded strongly in all possible areas in City University, which also includes management, programme design, and even student activities. Our main motive is to be the leader of postgraduate studies in Malaysia; by providing enough trust and enhanced guidance on all postgraduate programmes. We are committed to provide a positive and an empowering environment to support postgraduates in achieving their objectives in academic and research by providing expert practitioners in the respective field.

## CityU in numbers



38 YEARS  
OF EXCELLENCE



2 CAMPUSES



8 FACULTIES



>70 PROGRAMMES



> 5,500 STUDENTS



35,000 GRADUATES



60 NATIONALITIES



98% OF STUDENTS  
HIRED BY LOCAL &  
INTERNATIONAL  
COMPANIES



# Doctor of Philosophy in Design

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Doctor of Philosophy in Design is specifically designed for graduates to be able to investigate new theories, approaches, and procedures based on the theories and practises of creative design and media. Our aim is to produce a critically and innovatively armed graduates to think beyond norms, anchored by powerful research methods in design and procedures. This program critically challenges human minds to make significant and original contribution to the existing body of knowledge or as new knowledge.

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**Duration of Study** Full Time: 3-5 Years ; Part Time: 4-6 years

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**Credit Hours** By Research

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## Subjects Offered

- Research Methods 1: Qualitative
- Research Methods 2: Quantitative
- Idea Paper
- Preliminary Literature Review
- Preliminary Draft Proposal
- Proposal Defense (VIVA-VOCE)
- Draft Proposal
- Finalize Research Proposal
- Data Collection
- Data Analysis
- Prepare Final Draft Thesis for Examination
- Thesis Defense (VIVA-VOCE)
- Amended Final Thesis / Thesis Accepted

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## Entry Requirements

- Master's Degree in Design or equivalent as accepted by the University Senate; or
- Other Master's Degree or equivalent that can be accepted subject to rigorous internal assessment with the approval of City University Senate; or
- Other qualifications equivalent to a master degree that are accepted by the University's Senate; and
- Candidates are required to submit an initial idea paper as part of the application process

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