



Postgraduate Qualifying Program (PQP) Admission Criteria

The PQP is a non-accredited training course, which is designed to prepare students who do not meet academic entry requirements to undertake postgraduate study. The course is a pathway to help students develop the fundamental skills in academic writing, study and research methods appropriate to master level degrees that are related to big data or domain specific IT applications. The criteria for admission to PQP are:

1.1 English language proficiency

a. English Language Skills Test

- IELTS Academic - A minimum result of 6.0 overall and a minimum result of 5.5 in each subtest; or
- PTE Academic - A minimum result of 50 overall and a minimum result of 42 in each subtest; or
- TOEFL IBT score - A minimum result of 60 overall including a minimum result of 18 in Writing, 8 in Reading, 7 in Listening and Speaking; or
- TOEFL PBT score - A minimum result of 530 overall including a minimum result of 4.0 in Writing.

** The results of the English Test must be valid and the test should have been taken no more than 3 years prior to the commencement of the program at SPI.*

b. Prior Study

If the Applicant has completed a minimum of 3-years higher education studies from an English-speaking country that completed no more than two years prior to the commencement of the program at SPI:

- In one of the following English-speaking countries: American Samoa, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Botswana, Canada, Fiji, Gibraltar, Ghana, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, The Gambia, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland), United States of America, Zambia, Zimbabwe; or
- If you can provide a statement or certificate issued by the Registrar (or equivalent) that the sole language of the instruction and assessment for your qualification was English.

c. Assessment of English Proficiency based on work experience

If the Applicant has lived and worked in an English-speaking country (as listed above) continuously for at least two years prior to the commencement of the program at SPI. A work reference letter on company letterhead with a clear statement on the nature of work, the period of employment and contact details for the reference check.

1.2 Education and other qualifications:

- Completion of a three-year post-secondary higher education (equivalent to AQF 5 or 6) qualification (secondary higher education that is equivalent to completion of Australian Year 12); or
- Other qualifications with the combination of post-secondary education and relevant work or other experience, which will be considered on a case-by-case basis.