The Best of Two Research Worlds
As a student in the San José Gateway PhD program, you can reap the benefits of a European-model doctoral program, focusing on your individual research studies from the very beginning.

Unlike most North American programs, no coursework is required in this unique doctoral program that spans two continents in a partnership between the San José State University School of Library and Information Science and Queensland University of Technology (QUT), one of Australia’s top research institutions.

In this international doctoral program, you’ll receive one-on-one mentoring from faculty supervisors who are award-winning scholars, researchers, and educators, representing two continents and a truly international perspective.

Earn Your PhD Online
The San José Gateway PhD program is primarily online with only two one-week residencies a year. This part-time program provides the flexibility you need to continue working while engaging in your research. You can move through the program at your own pace, with six years expected duration. Plus, you don’t have to relocate to earn your PhD.

Most of your interactions with faculty supervisors, other faculty members, and doctoral student peers will take place in virtual learning environments. For example, you’ll participate in guided learning activities, discuss readings, share documents, and deliver presentations via web conferencing, email, web-based documents, and other online tools. Assessment for the doctorate degree, awarded by Queensland University of Technology, is based on a final seminar and examination of the dissertation.
Applying to the San José Gateway PhD Program

We’re excited that you are considering earning your Doctor of Philosophy through the San José Gateway PhD program. Applications are accepted once a year in the spring, and admitted applicants begin the program in early August. Please check our website for application instructions and current application deadlines: slisweb.sjsu.edu/gateway-admissions

Admission Requirements

- A master’s degree from a recognized institution with a minimum GPA of 3.5
- Demonstrated experience or engagement with research
- Accepted and endorsed by a San José State University SLIS doctoral supervisor
- Approved by the San José Gateway PhD program coordinator

Tuition

There is an initial application fee of AUS $55. Annual fees for the San José Gateway PhD program are AUS $14,000 (2013 academic year). Please check for current exchange rates. Fees are subject to change.

Financial Assistance

Doctoral students are eligible to receive research support funds from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT). These funds are managed by the QUT faculty supervisor. The funds are aimed at supporting research presentations at high-profile conferences, covering costs to produce a survey, or other research expenses as approved by the QUT faculty supervisor. In addition, many doctoral students are sponsored by their employers, who provide them with financial support.

About SJSU SLIS

The San José State University School of Library and Information Science (SJSU SLIS) launched the San José Gateway PhD program in partnership with Queensland University of Technology in 2008. The program’s first graduates earned their doctorate degrees in 2012.

In addition, in 2012, SJSU SLIS launched the Center for Information Research and Innovation (CIRI), a virtual research center aimed at generating exemplary new practices and innovative products to benefit a global audience. San José Gateway PhD program students and faculty supervisors are active participants in CIRI and frequently post on the CIRI blog.

The information school is a recognized leader in online learning and is a member of the Sloan Consortium (Sloan-C) and Quality Matters. In 2012, the school’s online programs received a score in the exemplary range according to the Sloan-C Quality Scorecard for the Administration of Online Education Programs.

SJSU SLIS offers the following online educational programs:

- Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS)
- Teacher Librarian Program
- Master of Archives and Records Administration (MARA)
- Post-Master’s Certificate in Library and Information Science
- San José Gateway PhD Program

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