

## Monash University Australia

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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Monash University recognises that its Australian campuses are located on the unceded lands of the people of the Kulin Nations, and pays its respects to their Elders, past and present.



# **MONASH IS A GLOBAL UNIVERSITY** WITH A PRESENCE ON THREE CONTINENTS **AND AMBITIOUS PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

As a young university, our outlook is progressive and optimistic.

We are focused on empowering our people to make positive and lasting impact.

Endangered Generation Video

### Established 1958

- 347 students commenced in 1961
- Now Australia's largest university
  - 5,600 Graduate Research Students



# **GLOBAL FOOTPRINT**





# PEOPLE







### OUR RANKINGS **TOP 100** UNIVERSITIES 75 31 37 57 6

**Times Higher Education Golden Age University** Ranking 2020

World's Most International Universities **Times Higher Education** 2020

**Best Global Universities US News & World** Report 2022-2023

Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023

**QS World University** Rankings 2023

Academic Ranking of World Universities 2022



**GLOBAL UNIVERSITY GRADUATE** EMPLOYABILITY RANKING

(QS World University Rankings 2022)

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Staff qualification • Student demand



### OUR RANKINGS

# RANKED IN THE TOP 50 OF WORLD UNIVERSITIES

(Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023)

### RANKED IN THE TOP 50 IN THE WORLD FOR SUBJECTS INCLUDING:

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(QS World University Rankings by subject 2022)

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- 27 PHILOSOPHY
- 29 ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY
  - 34 CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
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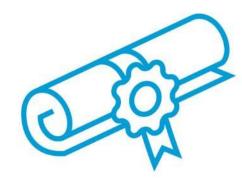
# OUR COURSES



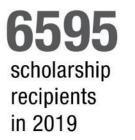
### MONASH OFFERS ONE OF THE LARGEST RANGES OF DEGREE AND DOUBLE DEGREE COURSES IN AUSTRALIA IN THE AREAS OF:

- ART, DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE
- ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
- BUSINESS
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING

- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- LAW
- MEDICINE, NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES
- PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES
- SCIENCE



#### AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

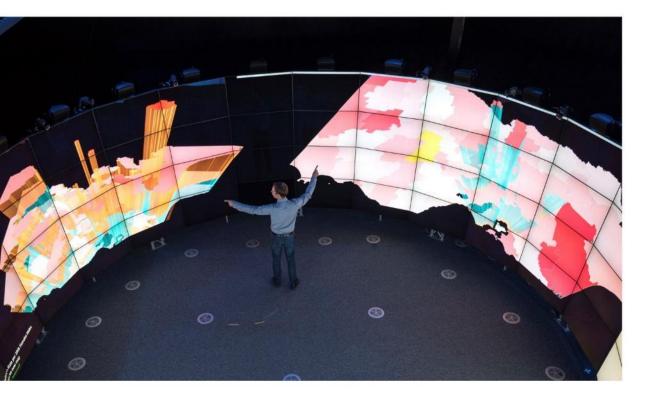








### MONASH HAS AMONG THE **HIGHEST RESEARCH REVENUES** OF ANY AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY, TOTALLING NEARLY

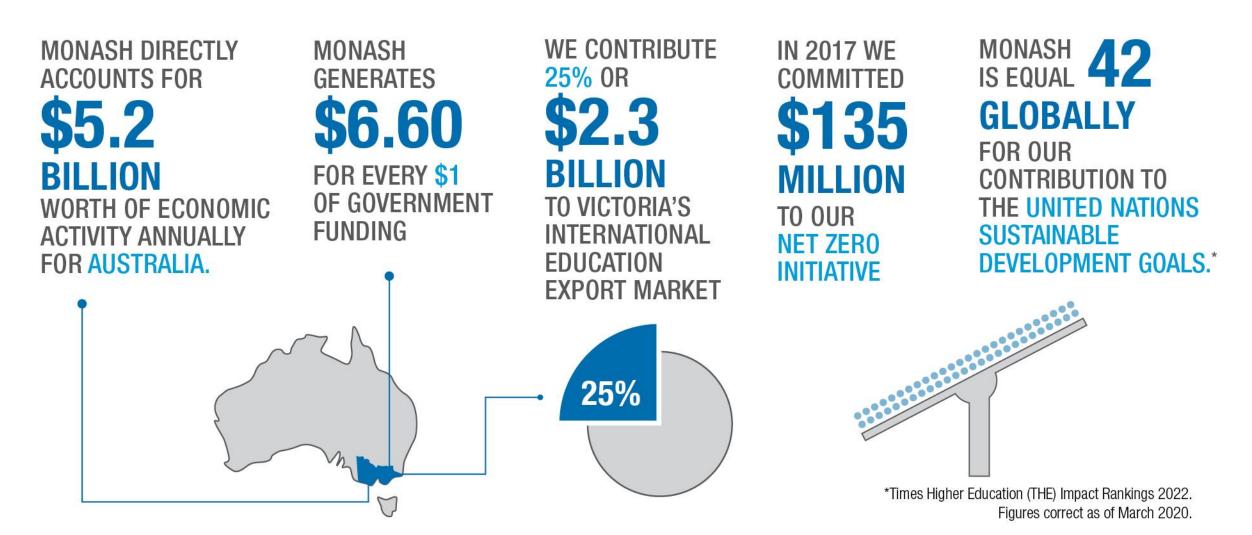


# **\$563 MILLION** TOTAL RESEARCH INCOME

2021 HERDC Research Income

# OUR ECONOMIC





### our COMMUNITY

Monash campuses host events and open venues for community groups, sports clubs and schools all year round.

Our Victorian campuses draw more than **820,000 visitors** each year.

With the completion of the **\$56 million cultural precinct** upgrade, visitors will grow to more than **1 million people**.



Figures correct as of 2019

### Preparing PhD Applications for Success at Monash University



### **FUNDING & SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

#### Monash University offers a range of scholarships that are available to Vietnamese PhD candidates:

- Research Training Program (RTP) Stipend funded by the Australian government
- Monash Graduate Research Scholarship (MGS) funded by Monash University
- Sir James McNeill Foundation Postgraduate Research Scholarship established in memory of Sir James McNeill, study areas include Music; Engineering; Science and Medicine
- Monash Departmental Scholarship funded by faculties or departments at Monash University
- Monash International Tuition Scholarship (MITS) funded by Monash, covers tuition fees and single OSHC cover, generally awarded together with a stipend scholarship
- Monash University Vietnam Government Joint Scholarship (Project 89) funded by the Vietnamese MOET and topped up by Monash

#### Monash University also offers other awards and grants to help candidates throughout their enrolment:

- Travel Grant for study-related travels domestically or internationally
- Graduate Research Completion Award to provide support to students in their final year
- Postgraduate Publication Award provides funding to high-achieving students for preparation and publication of papers arising from thesis
- Mollie Holman Award best thesis of the year
- Vice-Chancellor's International Inter-campus PhD Travel Grant one-off grant to subsidise a visit to one of MU's international locations (Malaysia; Indonesia; Suzhou; Prato; India)



## HAVE AN IDEA

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### WHAT NOW?

#### Step one

Identify your research interest and draft a <u>research proposal</u>.

#### Step two

Identify research supervisors you are keen to work with and check the relevant University's PhD entrance requirements



## How to Prepare a Research Proposal?

Below is a sample guide of a research proposal format (approximately 3-4 pages)

### **Description of proposed project**

- Project title
- Research topic summary (a few sentences that encapsulate the project)
- Project description (describe the proposed project including any relevant theoretical contexts)
- Rationale for project (what motivated your interest in this area)
- Main research questions (3-4 questions that underpin the investigation or research topic)
- Methodology (research methods, e.g. interviews, experiments, ethnography etc)
- Outcomes of this research and its contribution to knowledge
- Bibliography

NOTE: different faculties or disciplines may have different requirements for the PhD research proposal. Please consult with the relevant university or faculty if unsure.



## How to Look for Supervisors?

Choosing the right (suitable and appropriate) supervisor/s is one of the crucial steps in starting the PhD journey.

#### 1. Search for potential supervisors online

- Do you have a sense of who the leading academics are in your propose field of research?
- If not, search online. Search for academics with the same interests as you, look into their profiles, read about their research and publications

#### 2. Create a shortlist

Create a list of the academics you are interested to work with as some of them may not be in a position to accept PhD students

#### 3. Make initial contact

- Send a personalized email to each academic you may wish to work with, with a brief description of your research proposal, reasons why you want to work with them, academic transcripts and any funding opportunities you have applied for.
- DO NOT bulk email supervisors as they are unlikely to respond ۲



### How to Look for Supervisors Cont'd

#### 4. Meet with your potential supervisors

 Potential supervisors will most likely want to interview you before they formally accept, but it's also important for you to find out what they are like in person. So while they assess you, you should also assess their expertise and experience; availability and commitment; professionalism; social rapport etc

#### 5. Making the final decision

- If there are multiple supervisors who fit your brief, you will need to choose one or two. While it is possible and highly recommended to have at least two supervisors, you will most likely need to choose one to be the main supervisor, especially if they are at different institutions or in different countries.
- Find out more about their methods, approach and personality from current or former PhD students
- Take into consideration the university's ranking and reputation
- Know yourself and if the supervisor's style will suit you



### How Are PhD Applications Assessed?

PhD applications are assessed holistically.

While the **academic track record** will have the greatest weighting, it is not the only achievement that is assessed. Other key components include: **research experience**; prior **prizes and awards**; **academic publications**; **quality and feasibility** of proposed PhD project

Some factors beyond the applicant's control may often be taken into consideration as well, such as **supervision availability**, and the project's fit with the university's/faculty's **strategic priorities**.



### **Academic Requirements**

- Australian/NZ Bachelor's degree with First Class honours (H1) (or equivalent qualifications); OR
- Australian/NZ Master's degree with significant research component (at least 25% of one year full-time or 24 credit points) at the First Class or High Distinction level; OR
- International qualifications are assessed by universities for H1 equivalency – for example, an international Master's degree with a significant research component and an overall grade or GPA of qualification in the highest grading band; grade of research component in the highest grading band; ranking in cohort; university ranking/standing relevant to discipline
- Other criteria may apply

Supporting documents:

- Official academic transcripts, including the grading schema (English translation required)
- Examiners' reports (if applicable)



### **Research Experience**

It is in the applicant's best interest to clearly articulate any additional research experience they may have had. These include, but are not limited to:

- Academic positions ullet
- Research assistant positions
- Internships .
- Professional positions that have direct relevance to proposed research •

NOTE: the key is to provide details of any employment or research experience that directly demonstrate the applicant's ability to undertake independent research at the doctoral level.

#### Supporting documents:

- Letter from employer, confirming duties and responsibilities
- Reference letter from former thesis supervisor/s
- CV



### **Research Outputs/Publications**

Academic publications, especially those that are peer-reviewed are extremely important to be included in the PhD application:

- Publication type (e.g. book chapter, journal article, conference proceedings etc)
- Name of Publication (e.g. journal name; book title; publisher etc)
- Status (e.g. published; accepted for publication; under review)
- Quality of Journal or Publisher (e.g. impact factor; journal ranking etc)

#### Supporting documents:

- Proof of acceptance or publication of peer reviewed article or book chapter
- Copies of conference abstracts and the front pages (including contents page) for each publication
- Proof of any non-traditional research outputs (e.g. performances; folios; exhibitions; creative writing; translations etc) accompanied by a 300-word exegesis outlining the research contribution and relevance to PhD project



### **Prior Prizes/Awards/Scholarships**

Prior prizes, awards, scholarships that were obtained through a competitive or merit-based process will be taken into consideration for PhD applications. These items will need to directly demonstrate the applicant's academic excellence and/or ability to undertake independent research.

#### Supporting documents:

- Award/prize certificate
- Scholarship offer letter
- Academic transcripts (if applicable)



### **English Language Proficiency Requirements**

A university's ELP requirements could be met in a number of different ways:

- Language of Instruction (from a University approved country); or •
- English language test; or
- University English language bridging program

NOTE: different universities will have different ELP requirements

F	aculties	IELTS (Academic English Only)	<u>TOEFL</u> ( <u>paper-</u> based)	<u>TOEFL</u> <u>(internet-</u> <u>based / at</u> <u>home <sup>#</sup>)</u>	<u>Pearson Test of</u> <u>Academic English</u>	<u>Cambridge</u> <u>English</u> <u>(and</u> Linguaskill <sup>##</sup> )	Monash University ELP test requirements as at Feb 2023
	General Requirements	6.5 overall (no band less than 6.0)	550+ TWE 4.5	79 + Reading 13, Listening 12, Speaking 18 & Writing 21	58 + communicative score 50	176 + no skill below 169	
E	Arts Business & Economics Law MSDI	7.0 overall (no band less than 6.5)	587+ TWE 4.5	94 + Reading 19, Listening 20, Speaking 20 & Writing 24	65 + communicative score 58	185 + Writing 185 and no skill below 169 (or no skill below 176 on Linguaskill)	



### MONASH UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION

HOW TO APPLY

https://www.monash.edu/graduate-research/study/apply

#### **STEP 1: CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY**

- Academic qualifications
- English language proficiency
- Other criteria may apply

#### 1. Check your eligibility

Admission into a Monash graduate research degree is dependent upon meeting the entry requirements specific to the course for which you are applying.

In response to the disruption caused by COVID-19, changes have been made to the grading and results for some teaching periods. Applicants currently completing their qualifying degree at Monash are encouraged to review these <u>changes</u>.

ADMISSION SCHOLARSHIPS DON'T MEET REQUIREMENTS?

#### Entry requirements

All graduate research degrees have minimum academic entry requirements which must be met by all applicants. Some courses have additional requirements which are outlined in the relevant course entry in the <u>Monash University</u> <u>handbook</u>.

The minimum academic entry requirements differ depending on the graduate research degree:

- Doctoral degree (PhD)
- Master's by research

#### English language proficiency

All graduate research degrees require sound English language skills. It is important you understand what English language proficiency requirements are applicable, noting that certain faculties have higher requirements. Should you be required to undertake an English language proficiency test, ensure you check which tests are accepted by Monash.



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### **STEP 2: OBTAINING AN INVITATION TO APPLY**

- Faculty specific process
- Review information and contact the faculty / academic unit responsible for your area of interest
  - Courses, how to find a supervisor etc
- Submit an expression of interest (EOI) to the relevant faculty.
- If your EOI is successful, the faculty will issue you with an Invitation to Apply

#### 2. Submit an expression of interest

Prior to applying for a graduate research degree, you will need to submit an expression of interest (EOI) to the relevant faculty or academic unit.\*

Each faculty has a different EOI process so please read any instructions provided carefully and make sure you are aware of any applicable closing dates, particularly if you are applying for a scholarship.

 Art, Design and Architecture
 Arts
 Business and Economics
 Education
 Engineering
 Information

 Technology
 Law
 Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences
 Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
 Information

 Science
 Monash Sustainable Development Institute (MSDI)
 Monash University Accident Research Centre (MUARC)

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\*Not all applicants are required to submit an EOI, please refer to the application guide for further information.



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#### **STEP 3: PREPARE DOCUMENTS**

- Invitation to apply (from Step 2)
- Academic transcripts
- Research proposal

### **STEP 4: SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION**

- All applications are submitted online through the *Graduate Research Admission and Scholarship Application portal*.
- Admission-only applications are accepted all year round
- Admission with scholarship applications by closing date
  - International Applicants: 31 March & 31 August each year for respective intake

Note: Processing of applications takes approximately six weeks after submission or closing date



## THANK YOU

### **KEY CONTACTS**

#### **Global Engagement:**

• <u>ge-hdr@monash.edu</u>

Monash Graduate Research Office:

- <u>www.monash.edu/graduate-research/contact-us</u>
- mgro-apply@monash.edu

