

PhD Program in Accounting Call for Applicants



The PhD is the jewel in the crown of academic achievement, and only the brightest and most dedicated students pursue this degree.

Our PhD program attracts students from across Australia and around the world who are interested in conducting research that advances the boundaries of knowledge and which benefits the communities we serve.

About Deakin

Deakin Business School is an internationally accredited business school in the top 1% of business schools globally. We are one of only 150 schools worldwide to hold both AACSB and EQUIS accreditation.

Deakin University is internationally ranked and recognised around the world. We are proud to be in the top 2% of universities across all three of the major international university ranking systems (the Academic Ranking of World Universities, Times Higher Education World University Rankings and QS World University Rankings), assessed from 17,000 universities worldwide.

About the Department

The Department of Accounting in the Deakin Business School comprises over 40 academic staff specializing in research on organizational governance and accountability, auditing and assurance services, financial and non-financial reporting, and the financial implications of political connections.

The department is ranked 8th in Australia in the latest BYU rankings of accounting departments worldwide. Highlighting the supervisory and research capability of the department, research produced by department members frequently appear in leading accounting journals, including *Journal of Accounting and Economics*, *Journal of Accounting Research*, *Accounting Review*, and *Contemporary Accounting Research*.

As part of the Business School's commitment to the recruitment of world-class researchers, the department has hired a large number of academics who hold PhD degrees from renowned universities, eg., Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), City University of Hong Kong, and Polytechnic University of Hong Kong, University of Melbourne and Seoul National University. The department has also hired Professor Jeffrey Pittman to further strengthen the department's supervisory capability.

About our PhD Program

The PhD in Accounting offered by our department is designed to provide students with an interdisciplinary and rigorous academic grounding in their area of specialization and the skills required to undertake original research that contribute significantly to knowledge. Students will complete four coursework units in the first year, designed to provide advanced accounting and finance research methods training. Students will progress to work on their doctoral thesis under the guidance of PhD supervisors who are experts in the area of their doctoral thesis. Students are expected to complete their PhD in 3 to 4 years.

The program is designed to produce future academic leaders, with students receiving generous grants to support their research and significant assistance to prepare them for the academic job market at the end of their candidature.

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Applications

Applications are now open for the February 2024 intake. Deadline for submissions is 16 October 2023. Applicants are encouraged to contact the HDR Director in the Department of Accounting to lodge their expression of interest (EOI). Please include the following with your EOI applications:

- i. Faculty EOI form which can be found [here](#).
- ii. A 5 minute video presentation addressing why you are applying for a PhD, what you want to achieve during your time at Deakin, and summarizing your understanding of a particular academic literature that you are interested in
- iii. GMAT/GRE score – It is not compulsory to submit your GMAT/GRE scores with your application, but it is advisable to do so.
- iv. Cc bl-phd@deakin.edu.au

More information about the application process can be found at: <https://blogs.deakin.edu.au/business-and-law-phd/>

Scholarships

Deakin scholarships are available and provide a living allowance (domestic and international students) and fee waivers (international students only; the fees of domestic students are covered by the Australian Government). The stipend rate is \$33,500 p.a. (2023 rate). Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit and alignment with University and Faculty strategic goals, and there is strong competition for these scholarships. Applicants are benchmarked against the characteristics of an ideal candidate (see below) when assessed for scholarship eligibility.

Desired Profile of PhD Students

Candidates with the following attributes are invited to apply for admission into the PhD program in accounting:

1. Completed research degree (honours or masters) with an 80% grade;
2. Intellectual curiosity;
3. Enthusiasm and passion for research;
4. Excellent written and oral communication skills;
5. Strong academic background in Accounting, Economics or Finance with a solid grounding in quantitative methods;
6. Strong reference letters;
7. Strong GMAT/ GRE score would be a useful indicator but not essential.

For all enquiries, please email: bl-phd@deakin.edu.au