



Faculty of Business and Law Higher Degree by Research Expression of Interest Form

Thank you for your interest in studying a Higher Degree by Research (HDR) course in the Faculty of Business and Law at Deakin University. To evaluate your eligibility for a PhD course, you are required to complete this Expression of Interest (Eoi) form.

Domestic and international applicant submission deadlines	
Trimester 1 (Feb)	16 October 2023
Trimester 2 (Jul)	5 February 2024

IMPORTANT

- Submission of this form and accompanying documentation is **not a formal application** for a HDR course
- An 'Invitation to Apply' will be required from the Faculty to progress to the formal application stage
- The invitation does not guarantee an offer of admission and will be subject to any conditions stipulated
- It is standard practice for the Faculty to check all applicant research proposals for plagiarism before they are processed

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS YOU MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDE ALL THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

I CONFIRM I MEET THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (CHECKLIST)

Please check all the boxes. This confirms that you have met each entry requirement.

<input type="checkbox"/>	I meet the English language requirements for a PhD at Deakin University (<i>please see Section 3 below</i>) and have attached the required documentation, e.g., IELTS, TOEFL (iBT), TOEFL (PBT), or Pearson Test of English (Academic) (PTE) scores or reason for exemption
<input type="checkbox"/>	My last qualification obtained is less than five (5) years prior to my application and is attached OR I have attached an additional portfolio of evidence of equivalent research or professional experience and outputs from the last five years (<i>please see Section 13 below</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/>	My thesis/dissertation comprised 25% or more of a year's full-time study in my Master's or Honours degree and is attached
<input type="checkbox"/>	I received a H1 mark on my thesis (which is equivalent to a Deakin grade of 80% or more) OR I received an ungraded pass for my thesis
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have attached a copy of my thesis in English
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have attached a research thesis/dissertation as part of a previous Master's or Honours degree
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have attached a copy of my undergraduate and postgraduate academic transcripts, including the grading page of my transcript so that results can be compared to Deakin requirements
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have completed at least two (2) research training unit/s for which I attained 70% or above, and have provided details of these in this document
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have provided contact details of two (2) academic referees, one of whom supervised my prior research project
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have attached a research proposal in accordance with the guidelines provided at the end of this document

Candidates who pass this first stage of review will be asked to provide a five-minute pre-recorded video presentation addressing their reasons for applying for a PhD, what they want to achieve during their time at Deakin, and summarising their understanding of a particular academic literature that they are interested in.

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

Title Mr Mrs Ms Dr Other

Family name

Given name(s)

Email address

Country of citizenship or PR

Country of current residence

Have you previously applied for – or completed – a course at Deakin University? Yes No

If yes, please provide your Deakin student ID number

International students: Please refer to this [International students page](#) for information regarding visa requirements, international student fees and English language proficiency requirements.

2. PROPOSED ENROLMENT

Trimester 1 (February) Trimester 2 (July)

a) Scholarship/Sponsor Details

Do you hold any scholarships or other awards, or are you sponsored by an outside body (e.g., industry or government sponsored award)? Yes No

If yes, provide name of scholarship, award or sponsoring body

Are you applying for any scholarship or awards, either at Deakin University or elsewhere? Yes No

If yes, provide name of scholarships or awards (including, if relevant, a Deakin scholarship). Deakin scholarship details can be found at [Find a scholarship](#)

b) Proposed candidature (indicate either full-time or part-time candidature **AND** either on - or off-campus location)

Full-time Part-time **AND** On-campus Off-campus

c) Proposed Area of Study - Provide a response to all sections.

(i) Select the Department/School best aligned with your research area. Further details about Deakin Law School or the Departments within the Deakin Business School can be found on this [Faculty of Business and Law page](#).

Deakin Law School

Department of Accounting

Department of Economics

Department of Finance

Department of Information Systems and Business Analytics

Department of Management

Department of Marketing

(ii) Have you been in contact with or identified any prospective supervisors from the Faculty of Business and Law? Please note: *You do not need to have done this.*

Yes (provide names below) No

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3. ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

If English is not your first language, you must meet our English language proficiency requirements. Please check the [Faculty English language requirements](#).

a) I currently have one of the following:

- **IELTS (Academic)** overall band score no lower than 7.0 (with no individual band less than 6.5) Yes No
- **Paper-based TOEFL** score no lower than 600 (with a writing score of at least 5)
- **Internet-based TOEFL** score no lower than 94 (with a writing score of at least 24)
- **Pearson’s Test of English (academic) (PTE)** overall score of 65 (with no less than 58 in each skill)

PLEASE NOTE: IELTS, TOEFL and PTE results are valid for two (2) years after the test date

OR

b) **REASON FOR EXEMPTION** - Indicate which of the following applies to you.

We encourage you to review the [English Language Admission Criteria Procedure](#), which includes the list of recognised English speaking countries.

English is my first language; or English is one of the official languages of my country Yes No

Studied at an institution within Australia, or specified English-speaking country, completed **no more than two (2) years** prior to enrolment at Deakin Yes No

If you cannot check ‘yes’ to any question in a) or b) above, you are not eligible to apply.

4. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

List up to *three* of your highest qualifications (undergraduate and postgraduate).

When providing your Grade Point Average, please indicate whether your University reports Grade Point Averages out of 4 (for example, 3.5/4) or 5 (for example 3.5/5)?

Your latest qualification (Master’s/Honours) should not be more than five (5) years old, or you should provide an additional portfolio of evidence of equivalent research or professional experience and outputs from the last five years.

Degree (e.g., BCom, LLB, MBA, MSc)			
Institution and location			
Year completed			
Major or discipline			
Language of instruction			
Grade point average (GPA)			

5. THESIS / DISSERTATION

List each Master's or Honours thesis/dissertation you have completed and attach a copy of this thesis when you submit this EoI form.

**Provide the actual mark or grade received for the thesis, only use 'pass' if that is the actual grade received.*

Degree this thesis/dissertation was for			
Title of thesis			
Language used		Word count	
Mark or grade received *		Percentage of one year's full-time study your thesis comprised	
<p>Describe the requirements of the thesis/dissertation: 1. the length of time you spent conducting the research project, 2. the required length of thesis/dissertation, 3. how it was examined (for example, internally by your supervisor or other internal examiner, by an external marker or by a committee). The more details you provide the better we can assess your qualifications.</p> <p>If these details are available online, please provide the web address.</p>			

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6. RESEARCH UNITS STUDIED

Provide details of all research units studied at post graduate level.

You should have at least two (2) research training units completed in your prior studies.

Name of Unit	Academic Result

7. GRE AND/OR GMAT RESULTS

GRE scores are recommended but not formally required.

If you have previously completed the GRE, please provide your results here.

Test score (verbal reasoning)	<input type="text"/>	Percentile	<input type="text"/>
Test score (quantitative reasoning)	<input type="text"/>	Percentile	<input type="text"/>

NOTE: GMAT scores are valid for five (5) years after the test date.

Total	<input type="text"/>	Integrated Reasoning	<input type="text"/>
Analytical Writing Assessment	<input type="text"/>	Quantitative	<input type="text"/>
Verbal	<input type="text"/>		

8. TWO (2) ACADEMIC REFEREES

Please provide details of two Academic Referees. Include at least one referee who has supervised your research writing.

Name of referee	Role of referee in relation to your study	Contact email	Contact phone (if possible)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

9. PUBLICATIONS

NOTE: You do NOT need to have published to be a successful PhD applicant, but quality peer-reviewed journal publications can be used to support your case for admission/scholarship.

Please list any peer-reviewed journal publications, conference presentations, or industry reports you have written. Provide full citation details for all publications listed.

10. REASONS FOR WANTING TO UNDERTAKE A PHD

Please outline in 100 words or less the reasons you wish to undertake a PhD at Deakin University.

11. REASONS FOR WANTING TO CONDUCT RESEARCH ON YOUR PROPOSED TOPIC

Please outline in 100 words or less the reasons you wish to conduct research on your proposed topic area.

13. OTHER RELEVANT DETAILS/QUALIFICATIONS

Are there any other details that are relevant to this enquiry? For example, are you currently enrolled in a research degree, or have you partially completed a research degree that you are no longer enrolled in?

Relevant qualifications must have been obtained less than five (5) years prior to application. Where qualifications do not meet this requirement, the applicant must provide an additional portfolio of evidence of equivalent research or professional experience and outputs from the last five (5) years to demonstrate in the University's judgement that they are sufficiently prepared for HDR candidature. Additional evidence may include but is not limited to workplace experience, verified reports, reviews, conference presentations, publications and data analysis.

14. WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE DEAKIN PHD PROGRAM?

Please share with us how you became aware of the Deakin PhD program?

Online ad: PhD portal

Times Higher Education: Uni Jobs Website

Other website, please specify:

Personal contact with:

16. THESIS PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

NOTE: PROPOSAL MUST BE INCLUDED: It should not exceed 700 words, excluding references

Please note that your initial research proposal should be viewed as a starting point or work in progress. In your first year of candidature your research proposal will be refined based on the research training you receive in the coursework units, the input of your supervisors and other academic colleagues, and on further reviews of the literature that you undertake.

Proposal title:

Background

[Provide some context to your research. For example, what is currently known about your research topic area, and what are the research gaps you are seeking to address?]

Aims

[Describe the specific aims of your research project.]

Methodology

[Describe how you plan to address your research aims. Also describe any specific resources (e.g., equipment, software) you may require to conduct your research.]

Expected outcomes or implications

[Describe why your research is important, as well as the theoretical/managerial/social outcomes likely to emerge from your research.]

References

[Provide relevant references here.]

THIS IS NOT A FORMAL APPLICATION.

Please lodge this 'Expression of Interest' form and scanned copies of supporting documents by email to bl-phd@deakin.edu.au

It is in your interest to provide **ALL** information requested in this form, as incomplete information may result in your Expression of Interest not being evaluated.

Privacy Statement:

The information on this form is collected for the primary purpose of assessing whether you are to be provided with an invitation to apply for a research degree at Deakin University. In submitting this information, you give your consent for it to be shared with Faculty staff who will make this decision.

You have a right to access personal information that Deakin University holds about you, subject to any exceptions in relevant legislation. If you wish to seek access to your personal information or inquire about the handling of your personal information, please contact the University Privacy Officer via email at privacy@deakin.edu.au.