Secure your future in industry with postgraduate study

Deakin supports you along your career journey with:
• flexible study options
• industry-aligned courses
• a leading reputation.

Top 1% of universities globally¹
Learn from industry-active teachers and the brightest minds in your field
#1 university for postgraduate learning resources in Victoria²

Be ready – will you futureproof your career?

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¹ Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), 2018
² 2018 Student Experience Survey
What can postgraduate study do for my future?

Become an expert in your field to drive your career forward

In a world that doesn’t stand still, neither can you. Postgraduate study expands your employment opportunities, giving you the skills and expertise to progress your career. Employers value the professional skills and strategic thinking developed through studying at a postgraduate level.

Gain industry experience while you study

Practical and applied learning opportunities enable you to develop the skills you need, whether changing or progressing your career, gain industry knowledge and extend your professional networks.

Secure your position in industry with professional accreditation

Many of our courses are industry accredited, which means that future employers will recognise your qualification, as well as professional associations, and relevant industry experience assisting you to make the short list for your dream job.

Expand your professional network

An extensive professional network provides lifelong benefits and is essential for career development. Through networking opportunities that Deakin facilitates, you’ll meet industry leaders, fellow students, employers, mentors and experts in the field.

Stand out from the crowd

A postgraduate qualification helps you differentiate yourself from your peers – providing you with skills and experience to drive you above and beyond the competition while demonstrating to employers your commitment to ongoing learning, upskilling and advancing your career.

Looking to change your career?

Work placement learning opportunities offered in our postgraduate courses can provide you with the skills you need to move into a new and exciting employment field. Gain experience in a new sector or industry while you enhance your employability and take the next step in your career.

Get ahead with Deakin

Industry placements to get you a job

Enhance your employability with:
- industry-based learning opportunities
- fieldwork
- professional experiences.
Deakin has industry partnerships with organisations across Australia and overseas to give you the practical and applied skills that add depth to your resume and are sought after by employers.

Courses that are linked with industry

A real world, practical approach is at the heart of course design – to get you industry ready.
We work closely with industry and business to:
- develop course content
- source guest speakers who are experts in their fields
- give you work placement opportunities to enhance your skill set.

Study when and where it suits you

You don’t need to change your lifestyle to study our postgraduate courses. With many flexible study options, you can choose to study:
- your whole course or some units online
- full time or part time
- intensive study units – with just a few contact days per trimester.

Learn from industry leaders

To ensure you get the best of theory and up-to-date workplace practices our teaching staff come from industry and remain active in their fields. This ensures our courses stay relevant and reflect changing industry needs.

Scholarships for all types of student

Deakin’s extensive range of scholarships can make postgraduate study more attainable for you, no matter your background or interest area. Deakin offers more than 20 postgraduate scholarships recognizing and rewarding you for your achievements. For Deakin Alumni, their spouses and immediate family we offer a postgraduate bursary – a 15% discount on fees. We also offer other ways to make postgraduate study more accessible, such as allowing you to defer payment so you can focus on your studies.

Research excellence

90% of Deakin research is rated as above world standard in the current Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) ratings (a quality evaluation of all research produced in Australian universities). We are internationally recognised for research excellence in computer science, technology, materials science, health and medical sciences.

Use world-class tech and facilities

Deakin students have the highest satisfaction in IT resources of any university in Australia or New Zealand². Gain the edge in your field with access to the latest industry-standard facilities and equipment. Take advantage of:
- CADET (Centre for Advanced Design in Engineering Training) with its future-focused labs to hone your skills in virtual reality, high voltage electricity, product prototype and product realisation, electrical engineering, renewable energy, mechatronics and physics.
- Hands-on health facilities including medical imaging labs, optometry practice, exercise and sport science labs, and clinical simulation centres for nursing and midwifery and occupational therapy.
- Creative arts and communications facilities including an industry-standard newsroom, film and TV studios, visual arts and photography studios and the Deakin Motion Lab.
- Deakin Business School including the Telstra Trading Room and business analytics lab.
- Deakin Law Clinic, a renowned community legal service based in the Melbourne CBD that allows you to analyse complex legal problems and develop critical skills for a rewarding career in law.

Develop skills for life as a research student

Deakin provides extensive support to research students and staff, including programs to induct, train and support you with your academic, networking and professional development needs so you are prepared for life after your research studies.
- The Deakin Graduate Research Academy (GRA) is a research training and professional development program for higher degree by research (HDR) students, post-doctoral research fellows, early and mid-career academics (EMCAS), as well as senior academics.
- PhD Xtra offers all HDR students an enhanced and individually tailored learning experience, as well as career pathway placements that provide relevant industry exposure.

‘The emphasis on experiential learning – in an experiential setting – enabled deep learning and a strong sense of collegiality. Through Deakin I have now developed a strong network of people I can collaborate with in the future.’

Kerryn Ireland-Jenkins
Master of Business Administration (MBA) and
Master of Clinical Leadership graduate
Pathologist at Austin Health

3 VoiceProject IT Service Quality Benchmark Survey for ANZ universities.
You’re in control – make postgraduate study work for you

Choose where you study

- Melbourne
- Geelong
- Warrnambool
- Cloud Campus (online)
- a combination of these to suit your lifestyle.

Choose how you study

- start your degree in any of our three study periods (trimesters) across the year.
- complete your study in less time by taking advantage of our trimester system and studying extra units each year.
- complete one unit at a time – taking it at your own pace.

Fast-track your studies

Some courses allow you to complete a unit with just a few contact days or intensive study blocks.

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Not ready to start a full masters degree yet?

Test the waters with a graduate certificate, graduate diploma or a single unit (or two).

Choose where you study


Already an experienced professional?

If you are an experienced professional, our professional practice degrees offer you an innovative approach to earning a postgraduate degree. It can help you launch into the next phase of your career, whilst saving both time and money.

Choose where you study

Visit deakin.edu.au/professional-practice.

Study through FutureLearn

Another postgraduate study option available at Deakin is FutureLearn, which gives you a taste of the online learning experience at Deakin with a range of free short courses. Deakin uses the global social learning platform, FutureLearn, to offer units in convenient, two-week blocks, so you can manage your learning around your work and lifestyle commitments. Deakin also offers some postgraduate degrees on FutureLearn across a range of interest areas, which means that once you’ve completed your free two-week course, you can then choose to continue studying and enrol in a full Deakin postgraduate course, delivered via FutureLearn.

Choose where you study

Visit deakin.edu.au/futurelearn to find out what units are available via FutureLearn.

Study online anytime with Start Anytime

You can study some postgraduate business units at any time of the year.

- start your degree in any of our three study periods (trimesters) across the year.
- complete your study in less time by taking advantage of our trimester system and studying extra units each year.
- complete one unit at a time – taking it at your own pace.

Achieve your goals with Deakin’s Cloud Campus

Join our 15,000-strong community of Cloud Campus students to pursue your passion on your terms. Study online anywhere, anytime and create a learning experience that suits your lifestyle and advances your career.

Choose where you study

Visit deakin.edu.au/study-online.

How it works

Studying online at Deakin’s Cloud Campus puts you firmly in the driver’s seat. When and where you study is up to you, so you can develop a study routine that works with you, not against you.

Choose where you study

Whether you’re a busy professional or want more time to spend with your family, our intuitive online learning portal will help you make the most of your study time. Visit deakin.edu.au/study-online/how-it-works.

Access your online learning portal anywhere

DeakinSync is your personalised online learning portal. Use it to manage all your course materials and stay up-to-date with important information. You can also access other online learning tools and resources, as well as connect with your peers and academic staff.

How it works

It’s not only Cloud Campus students who use DeakinSync. All Deakin students and staff connect and collaborate through this platform. So you’ll always have access to the Deakin community, no matter where you are in the world.

Choose where you study

When you’re on DeakinSync you can:

- participate in classes, tutorials, seminars and live chats
- use the synced calendar to see when you have seminars, meetings and assessments due, all at a glance
- manage your enrolment and fees
- access your student email, current units, reading lists and study guides
- receive 24-hour tutoring support and writing feedback
- access all sorts of study and support resources.


1 I found study at the Cloud Campus fitted around my busy schedule so simply. I could talk to my lecturers in weekly video Q&A sessions and they were always on email or the phone if I needed them. Another highlight was the online network of other students and when participating in group study there was a strong mutual respect for everyone’s career and time.

Jay Stiles
Master of Health Economics graduate
All the support you need to achieve your full potential

What study support can I access as a postgraduate student?
We provide support to you at all stages of your postgraduate course, whether you need tips on staying motivated or sessions to improve your academic writing. Every aspect of your study is supported by online resources, student mentors and, of course, our staff. All students can take advantage of 24/7 online tutor and writing feedback. You’ll also have access to a huge number of in-depth guides that will help you develop study and life skills, including:

- note-taking skills
- academic referencing
- preparing for exams
- giving an oral presentation
- tips for group work
- the difference between reports and essays
- how to think critically and ask critical questions.

Cloud Campus students can talk online to a librarian, learning skills adviser, writing mentor and other study support, and access online tutor and writing feedback 24/7 – all through DeakinSync. Visit deakin.edu.au/life-at-deakin/why-study-at-deakin/study-support.

What other support services are there?
From study support and career planning, to counselling and child care – we aim to ensure your success no matter your situation. Visit deakin.edu.au/life-at-deakin/support-services to find out how we can support you on your journey.

Can I access technology support?
We’ve got lots of easy to use programs and tips to get you connected and working in the cloud in no time. Visit deakin.edu.au/students/home/cloud-students/study-support. You might also want to take advantage of our free online tools to brush up on software application skills, get to know new programs and re-familiarise yourself with some old ones you might not have used in a while. Visit deakin.edu.au/students/studying/study-support/academic-skills/digital-study-tools.

Your key questions answered

How many hours a week will I need if I choose to study full time?
On average, students are advised to complete about 10 hours of study per week, for each unit. Most campus-based units require three contact hours each week, plus up to seven hours of independent study time each week. However, contact hours for a coursework degree can vary depending on the type of course and your mode of study.

Can I change my study load?
Yes, we’re known for our flexible study options. Life can change pretty fast. What suits you in March might not work so well in August. Many courses give you the option to switch between campus and Cloud Campus units of study (and back again) as your circumstances change. Likewise, you can switch between full-time and part-time study if you need to, provided your course is available in both study modes.

I travel with my job – how can I keep up-to-date with classes?
We give you the flexibility to study what, when and how you want, so you can fit your studies into your busy life. You can supplement your campus study, study entirely online at our Cloud Campus, or take a combination of campus and online subjects if it fits better with your timetable. Find out more at deakin.edu.au/flexible-study.

Where are exams held?
Students enrolled in a campus-based unit are required to sit the exam at the campus of unit enrolment. However, those studying online can choose from an extensive list of venues throughout Australia and even internationally. Visit deakin.edu.au/students/studying/assessment-and-results/cloud-campus-unit-exams for more information.

If I study online, can I still use the campus facilities?
Yes, studying at the Cloud Campus doesn’t mean you’re confined to the cloud. You can jump offline anytime and head to your closest Deakin campus to meet with your teachers or other students, visit the library or simply make the most of our fast, free wi-fi.

The teachers and support staff at Deakin are definitely aware of their duties and have an immense amount of knowledge to pass on.’

Bhavya Dawar
Master of Landscape Architecture student
Applying to Deakin

How do I apply for a coursework degree?
We provide step-by-step guidance online to make applying to Deakin easy. And, with three study periods a year, the next intake is never far away. If you need some advice on preparing your documents or writing a compelling personal statement, visit deakin.edu.au/courses/how-to-apply/preparing-your-application.

Visit deakin.edu.au/how-to-apply for full details on how to apply to Deakin. Once you have gathered everything that you need, you can submit your application through Deakin’s online applicant portal at deakin.edu.au/apply.

How do I apply for a research degree?
Use Deakin’s online higher degree by research application form to apply for a research degree at Deakin. For more information, visit deakin.edu.au/research/become-a-researcher.

To find out more about how to apply to Deakin, visit deakin.edu.au/how-to-apply/courses.

Do you provide credit for past experience?
You can reduce your overall study time and tuition cost by getting your work and previous study experience recognised as recognition of prior learning (RPL).

RPL, formerly known as advanced standing or credit transfer, includes formal learning (accredited qualifications) and non-formal and informal learning (non-accredited learning or work experience). Find out more at deakin.edu.au/courses/recognition-of-prior-learning.

If you’re a professional with extensive experience and knowledge in your field, a professional practice degree can help you gain a professionally recognised qualification – through a combination of professional practice credentials and coursework units – saving both time and money. Visit deakin.edu.au/professional-practice.

Key dates
Visit deakin.edu.au/courses/key-dates and browse all start and finish dates for Deakin’s main study periods. You’ll also find dates relating to applications and prospective student events, plus a list of all public holidays and study breaks.

What will it cost?
Tuition fees are based on the course you enrol into. You can find course, unit and fee information using the course search tool at deakin.edu.au/courses/find-a-course/postgraduate.

Fee types
There are two types of fees: Fee-Paying Place and Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP). Fee-Paying Places are places that aren’t subsidised by the government, so you pay the full cost of the course. As a domestic fee-paying student you may be eligible to defer payment of your fees through the Australian taxation system’s FEE-HELP loan scheme. Your employer may also consider assisting with the cost of study if the course is related to your current position.

CSP is a higher education place available to domestic students, for which the university receives some government funding. Students enrolled in these courses are only required to contribute to part of the cost of the course. Visit deakin.edu.au/courses/fees for the most up-to-date information.

Can I delay paying fees?
While most postgraduate coursework degrees are full-fee-paying, that doesn’t mean you have to pay it all upfront. If you studied your undergraduate degree as a domestic student, you probably already know about HECS. Did you know there’s a HECS equivalent for postgraduate study? FEE-HELP works on the same premise as HECS – the Federal Government covers your tuition fees as a loan and you pay it back through tax once you reach a taxable income threshold.


How do I calculate my fee repayments?
More than three in four postgraduate students use Australia’s FEE-HELP loan system to earn interest-free degrees with no upfront tuition fees. Check out Deakin’s handy FEE-HELP repayment calculator to work out how much of your salary will be deducted before tax from each pay cycle, and how long it will take to repay your FEE-HELP loan.


Where can I find further information on fees?
Visit deakin.edu.au/courses/fees for the most up-to-date information or call us on 1800 693 888.

With my clinical background, I pursued postgraduate study to see a broader view of the health systems. Now as a research fellow, I’ve undertaken several economic evaluation projects on chronic diseases and child and maternal health in collaboration with Barwon Health and Royal Children’s Hospital and won two research awards and two publication grants.

Shalika Bohingamu Mudiyanselage
Master of Public Health and Master of Health and Human Services Management graduate
Research Fellow at Deakin Health Economics

How can I reduce costs?
Look at possible tax benefits
When you enrol in a postgraduate course you may be entitled to an income tax deduction for your course fees and study-related expenses, such as your computer books, stationery etc., or some of your travel expenses between home and work. Visit studyassist.gov.au/look-at-possible-tax-benefits.

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Alumni bursary
We reward Deakin Alumni, their spouses and immediate family by offering a postgraduate bursary, which means you or your family are eligible to receive a 15% reduction per unit on enrolment fees on any postgraduate award course at Deakin. For more information, visit deakin.edu.au/alumni-bursary.

Applying for a postgraduate scholarship
Deakin offers a range of scholarships to help you complete your study, reach your full potential and achieve your career goals. Our scholarships encompass state, national and international sponsored programs for domestic and international students, and are available across all areas of study. Visit deakin.edu.au/courses/scholarships to find out if you might be eligible for some financial support.
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Visit us online at deakin.edu.au for detailed information on everything at Deakin.

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