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AND MASTERS BY RESEARCH

Solve global problems and develop critical professional skills alongside world-class researchers.



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- Why more than 6500 research students from around the world have enrolled with Deakin

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UNIVERSITY IN AUSTRALIA FOR EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE¹

TOP 20

UNIVERSITIES IN AUSTRALIA FOR ACADEMIC REPUTATION² AND JOURNAL CITATIONS

1%

PROUDLY RANKED IN THE TOP 1% OF UNIVERSITIES WORLDWIDE³

500+

PARTNER ORGANISATIONS ACROSS 65 COUNTRIES

\$130.5m

RESEARCH INCOME IN 2022

TOP 20

RATED INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH NETWORK IN AUSTRALIA⁴

2000+

RESEARCH EXPERTS, MANY RANKED AMONG THE TOP 1% GLOBALLY⁵

PREFERRED UNIVERSITY OF HIGH-PERFORMING STUDENTS FROM

75 COUNTRIES

100%

OF DEAKIN RESEARCH IS RATED AT OR ABOVE WORLD STANDARD⁶

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FACULTIES

7

RESEARCH INSTITUTES

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STRATEGIC RESEARCH AND INNOVATION CENTRES

Sources:

¹ 2022 Student Experience Survey, Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)

² QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) World University Rankings 2023

³ ARWU (ShanghaiRanking Academic Ranking of World Universities) 2023, THE (Times Higher Education), World University Rankings 2023, QS World University Rankings 2024

⁴ QS World University Rankings 2023

⁵ Clarivate Highly Cited Researchers 2022

⁶ Excellence in Research Australia (ERA) 2018, Australian Research Council

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We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri and Wadawurrung people of the Kulin Nation, and the Peek Whurrong people of the Maar Nation, as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which Deakin University's Burwood, Melbourne City, Geelong and Warrnambool campuses stand. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, and to their Ancestors, and acknowledge their continuing custodianship, care and connection to Country over many thousands of years. We recognise that sovereignty over Country was never ceded.

Redefine your future with a research degree at Deakin

Do you dream of advancing your career and making an impact?

Whether you're a domestic undergraduate student completing your honours year, completing your masters by coursework, studying internationally, or working in industry, a Deakin research degree is an exciting chance to undertake high-impact research in an area you're passionate about.

You'll receive guidance from some of the world's leading researchers and benefit from access to five-star facilities. You'll also develop essential skills valued by employers and unlock a world of new career opportunities, positioning you to solve humanity's most pressing issues and transform the workplace of the future.

Whether you want to break new ground, develop your critical professional skills or work with the best researchers in the world, you'll solve problems no one else can at Deakin.

'As one of Australia's leading universities, Deakin has strong global linkages and delivers world-class research across our faculties, institutes and research centres. If you want to connect with brilliant minds, pursue research that delivers positive and lasting impact, and maximise your job opportunities, you'll thrive at Deakin.'



Vice-Chancellor
Professor Iain Martin

▲ Dr Alex Cummaudo completed his PhD at Deakin's Institute for Applied AI, and is now a Machine Learning Engineer at REA Group, Australia.

Deakin offers two main research degrees

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

- ✓ 3 years full time
- ✓ Make an original, significant contribution to knowledge in your chosen discipline
- ✓ Supervised research project
- ✓ Written thesis

Masters by Research

- ✓ 1-2 years full time
- ✓ Can be a stepping stone to a PhD
- ✓ Make an original contribution to knowledge
- ✓ Written thesis

Unlock global opportunities

Combine travel and research in an exciting program for a career on the global stage

Deakin works with leading research institutes and like-minded universities around the world. We have a wide range of partnership opportunities for eligible students in the UK, Europe, Asia and beyond – meaning our research degree students can make global impact in many fields from health to advanced manufacturing.

Cotutelle PhD

Deakin's Cotutelle program allows you to undertake a PhD across two universities in two different countries. At the end of it, you'll be awarded a PhD from both universities and receive two testamurs that state your PhD was completed as a jointly supervised doctoral program.

A Cotutelle program doubles your advantages across the board. You get double the supervision, double the insights from global experts and double the resources, facilities, and funding opportunities.

Working across two universities and two countries immerses you in different research environments and diverse cultures.

The program includes a scholarship, tuition fee waiver and funding to cover return airfares to travel between Deakin and the partner institution.



After graduation, PhD alumni become part of Deakin's global network.

12 smart reasons to choose a research degree with Deakin

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Unlock higher earning potential —

On average, those with a postgraduate qualification earn as much as \$25,800 more per year than their undergraduate counterparts¹

2

Gain new career opportunities —

not available to those without a research degree

3

Attain skills valued by every employer —

our research students are highly regarded by business and industry across Australia

4

Flexibility to work around your current commitments —

allowing you to study when and how you want

5

Learn from world-leading researchers and supervisors —

our experts are ranked among the top 1% globally²

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Hundreds of scholarships available —

Recipients receive a stipend of \$33,500 per annum (tax exempt)

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Fee waiver —

If you're an Australian citizen or permanent visa holder, or a New Zealand citizen, you won't need to pay tuition fees for your research degree

8

You'll access our globally connected research community —

comprising 500+ leading organisations across 65 countries

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Access our 5-star, world-class facilities —

enhance your skills using cutting edge equipment

10

A best-in-class educational experience —

Deakin is ranked #1 in Victoria for student satisfaction³, #1 for educational experience⁴, and #1 for teaching quality⁵

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Get practical professional and financial support —

from induction workshops and presentation training, support with grant applications and networking

12

Study at a world-leading university —

Deakin is ranked in the top 1% of universities globally⁶

Sources:

¹ Graduate Outcomes Survey 2022 (GOS), Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT).

² Clarivate Highly Cited Researchers 2022

³ Australian Graduate Survey 2010–2015, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2016–2022, Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)

⁴ 2022 Student Experience Survey, Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)

⁵ 2022 Student Experience Survey, Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)

⁶ ARWU (ShanghaiRanking Academic Ranking of World Universities) 2023, THE (Times Higher Education), World University Rankings 2023, QS World University Rankings 2024

Unlock more job opportunities and higher earning potential

With a Deakin research degree, you'll be highly skilled, in demand and ready to succeed in a global career you're passionate about.

While some Deakin graduates choose an academic career, many go on to work in industry, government, the not-for-profit sector or even start their own businesses. The possibilities are endless. Are you ready to discover your potential?

Our research graduates have secured jobs with leading organisations

- ✓ ANZ
- ✓ Amazon
- ✓ Australian Institute of Sport
- ✓ CSIRO
- ✓ Deloitte
- ✓ Department of Education & Training Victoria
- ✓ EnergyAustralia
- ✓ Epworth
- ✓ IP Australia
- ✓ Kemin Industries
- ✓ KPMG Australia
- ✓ Melbourne Water
- ✓ Museums Victoria
- ✓ Pearson
- ✓ Orygen
- ✓ Rio Tinto
- ✓ Seqirus
- ✓ Services Australia
- ✓ Transport Accident Commission (TAC)
- ✓ World Health Organization
- ✓ WorkSafe Victoria
- ✓ 10x Genomics



'Our engagement with Deakin University researchers has seen seven PhD researchers undertake internships with various Aurecon business units. The success of these projects, business impact and readiness of the candidates for industry has seen a number return to Aurecon following graduation and build successful industry careers.'

Slaven Marusic

Data Science Lead, Aurecon



Deakin researchers collaborating in our state of the art Battery Research and Innovation Hub at our Burwood campus.



Deakin's research degree program provides an opportunity to take part in accredited research training and an industry placement.

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'By using this knowledge [from my PhD] and having an affinity for surfing and the environment, I was able to create Juc Surf. Juc Surf uses waste carbon fibre that we source from the local community as well as around the world to create sustainable carbon fibre surfboards.'

Dr Filip Stojcevski



▲ Dr Filip Stojcevski's PhD helped him uncover environmentally friendly solutions to carbon fibre waste.

Learn from global experts in your chosen field

At Deakin you'll join a community of more than 2000 research candidates and more than 1100 supervisors across our four world-class campuses.

That means you'll have unique access to specialists and collaborators in a diverse range of fields:

- ✓ Architecture and urban and regional planning
- ✓ Advanced manufacturing
- ✓ Artificial intelligence and image processing
- ✓ Clean and renewable energy
- ✓ Clinical sciences, medicine, nursing, and midwifery
- ✓ Cyber security and resilience
- ✓ Defence systems and security
- ✓ Economics
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Electrical and mechanical engineering
- ✓ Environmental science, ecology and conservation
- ✓ History, cultural studies, sociology and anthropology
- ✓ Marine, fisheries and aquaculture
- ✓ Mental health, psychology and cognitive sciences
- ✓ Nutrition and dietetics
- ✓ Political science and international relations
- ✓ Public health
- ✓ Sports Science



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I had completed my Masters in Teaching (Secondary) at Deakin and found Deakin's professional and academic staff to be supportive and helpful. My master's thesis supervisor Associate Professor Peta White played a key role in enhancing my interest and competence in science education research. The experience was rich and insightful, so I decided to apply for a PhD back at Deakin.

Amrita Kamath

PhD candidate, Faculty of Arts and Education

▲ PhD candidate Amrita Kamath (middle) relied heavily on the support and guidance of her PhD supervisors Dr Piper Rodd (left) and Associate Professor Peta White (right) during her candidature.



Deakin provides a qualified team of at least two supervisors who will guide and support you through every stage of your research degree.

Our global research community means you'll have unique access to state-of-the-art facilities, experts and collaborators in your field.

With more than

500 partnerships in
65 countries,

Deakin brings together the best and brightest minds across:

- ✓ industry
- ✓ research institutions
- ✓ NGOs
- ✓ government agencies
- ✓ community groups
- ✓ universities



Our researchers are world-renowned for their innovation, creativity and excellence—and many of them are ranked in the top 1% globally.¹

¹ Clarivate Highly Cited Researchers 2022

We're proudly ranked Victoria's #1 university for educational experience¹

Making your mark isn't always easy
– but easy never changed anything.

That's why Deakin delivers best-in-class support for our research candidates:

▶ **Hundreds of scholarships available** – that means fee-free tuition to focus your time on impactful research

▶ **Competitive financial support** – domestic scholarship recipients receive an above university average \$33,500 per annum stipend (tax exempt)

▶ **Industry placements** – giving you practical knowledge, network-building opportunities and valuable industry experience

▶ **Assistance with grant applications, funding and networking** – including \$5000 to attend an overseas conference

▶ **Flexible study options** – including on-campus or off-campus, full-or-part time, and approved study breaks – which means you study when and how you want

▶ **Access to 5-star, world-class facilities** – take advantage of leading-edge equipment and technology not found at any other university or organisation – meaning you'll have the necessary resources to generate groundbreaking research

▶ **Professional upskill programs** – giving you exclusive access to 49 courses across 18 professional capabilities to increase your employability

▶ **Writing mentors** – join our thesis writing group or receive free consultations with a language and learning adviser

▶ **Free mental health support and counselling services** – with experienced psychologists and social workers

▶ **Overseas study** – co-enrol at two universities in different countries via our International Research Partnerships and Cotutelle PhD program. When finished, you'll be awarded a PhD from both universities

¹ 2022 Student Experience Survey, Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)



Our facilities are shared by researchers from each of our four faculties, giving research degree students access to future-focused technology.

► Our experienced supervisors will support you every step of the way



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'As a prospective PhD student, often you just need someone to give you a chance and that's what my supervisor at Deakin did for me. Our values immediately aligned. I found a place and people that have since inspired and supported me in every way. Studying at Deakin is probably the best decision I've ever made.'

Dr Christina Zorbas
PhD in Public Health Nutrition



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'My supervisors at Deakin are knowledgeable, supportive and thoughtful. They have shaped me to become an independent researcher and they always give me valuable advice.'

Tran Duy Hung
PhD in Applied AI



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'My supervisor trusted my skills and motivations despite me not having direct work experience. I love my supervisor's flexibility when managing my PhD project. This experience helped me understand that your supervisor is there to provide project guidance, but at the end of the day it is your project.'

Anne Eichholtzer
PhD in Conservation Science



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who've boosted their career with Deakin

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