# Expression of Interest Form To undertake a Higher Degree by Research (PhD) in the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment, School of Life and Environmental Sciences, in the lab of Dr. Justin Rizzari.

Thank you for your interest in undertaking a PhD research degree at Deakin University. Before proceeding, we need some information from you to enable us to adequately evaluate your background, academic standing and research interests.

Submission of this form and accompanying documentation is **not a formal application** for a Research Degree at Deakin.

It is standard practice for the Faculty to check all proposals for plagiarism before they are processed.

**IMPORTANT**  
An *‘Invitation to Apply’* will be required from the Faculty to progress to the formal application stage. The Invitation to Apply does not guarantee an offer of admission and will be subject to any conditions stipulated on the Invitation.

Please place ‘**X**’ in the appropriate box. If you wish to write rather than type, then please use CAPITAL LETTERS.

###### 1. Personal details

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| Family Name |  | Given Name |  |

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| Email Address |  | Date of Birth (dd / mm / yy) |  |

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| Country of Birth |  | Country of Citizenship  or Permanent Resident |  |

Have you previously applied for a course at Deakin University?

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| No |  |  | Yes |  |  | Deakin ID number |  |

\*International students: Please refer to <http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/international-students/research-at-deakin> for information regarding visa requirements, international student fees and English language proficiency requirements.

###### 2. Academic Qualifications

***Please list up to three of your highest qualifications (undergraduate and postgraduate) undertaken within the last ten years.***

nb: Honours is a 4th year of a Bachelor degree

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| Qualification e.g. BSc, BSc(hon) or MSc | Institution and its location | Year completed | Major or discipline | Language of Instruction | Honours/Final grade (e.g. H2A) |
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###### 3. PUBLICATIONS

***Please provide a list of publications in peer reviewed journals or books (if any). Please also report the Journal’s Impact Factor and article total citations, as determined by Web of Science (Clarivate Analytics).***

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**4. Thesis / Dissertation**

***Please list at least one Bachelor, Honours or Master’s thesis/dissertation. Please provide the actual mark or grade received for the thesis, only use ‘pass’ if that is the actual grade received.***

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| ***Please describe the requirements of the thesis/dissertation including the period of research project, the required length of thesis/ dissertation, how it was examined, etc. The more details are the better.*** *If these details are available online, please provide the web address.* | | | |

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**5. Project and scholarship:**

In the box below, please provide (maximum 750 words) a statement outlining **why you would be an ideal candidate for the project(s) listed in the 'PhD scholarship opportunities' document.**

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**6. English Language Proficiency**

If English is not your first language, you have to meet our English language proficiency requirements. Please check the Faculty English language requirements at. [*http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/international-students/research-at-deakin*](http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/international-students/research-at-deakin)

NOTE: *IELTS and TOEFL results are valid for two years after the test date.*

*The Faculty of Arts and Education will also consider the completion of the Deakin University English Language Institute (DUELI) English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program as evidence of your English language proficiency.*

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| I have an **IELTS (Academic)** overall band score with a minimum of 7.0 with no band less than 6.5, or **paper-based TOEFL** 600 with no score lower than 5.0 or **internet-based TOEFL 94** with no test score below 24.  **OR** | Yes |  | No |  |
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|  | I have an **IELTS (Academic)** overall band score with a minimum of 6.5, and no band less than 6.0, or **paper-based TOEFL** 577 no score lower than 5, or **internet-based TOEFL 94** with no test score below 24.  **OR** | Yes |  | No |  |
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| I do not currently meet these requirements but I am willing to undertake an English for Academic Purposes program with DUELI if acceptable to the Faculty.  **OR** | Yes |  | No |  |
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| I will be undertaking an English test.  **If yes, please specify the test AND the tentative test date:** | Yes |  | No |  |
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**REASON FOR EXEMPTION -** Please indicate which of the following applies to you**.**

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| 1 | English is my first language; or English is one of the official languages of my country. | Yes |  | No |  |
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| 2 | In the last two years, I completed a course of tertiary studies of at least one years' duration full time at Deakin University or an equivalent tertiary education campus within Australia recognised by Deakin University. | Yes |  | No |  |
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| 3 | In the last five years, I completed a course in a University degree program of at least two years' duration, full time and conducted entirely in English and involving formal assessment of written work, in a country where English is the official language. | Yes |  | No |  |
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**7. REFEREES**

Please list the names, affiliations, email addresses and phone numbers of THREE referees who can comment on your academic background and your suitability for a PhD position at Deakin University.

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**8. other relevant details**

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; previous relevant work experience (such as fieldwork or in the laboratory).

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**THIS IS NOT A FORMAL APPLICATION.**

Please lodge the ‘Expression of Interest’ form and a copy of your CV by email to [justin.rizzari@deakin.edu.au](mailto:justin.rizzari@deakin.edu.au)

It is in your interest to provide **ALL** information requested in this form, as incomplete information may result in a delay in the processing of your *Expression of Interest*.

**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*](mailto:privacy@deakin.edu.au)*.*