

Direct Entry to Engineering PhD program

Applicants with a recognised H1 honours degree or a degree judged to be H1 honours equivalent, and applicants with a recognised H2A honours degree or a degree judged to be H2A honours equivalent, will be accepted into the Monash University PhD (probationary) program in Engineering provided they meet the English language requirement established by MRGS. The exit pathway for non-confirmation of PhD candidature will be the Master of Engineering Science (Research).

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Purpose and Rationale

In the past, candidates wanting to study a PhD in Engineering at Monash have been required to enrol in the Master of Engineering Science (MEngSc) (Research) degree and undertake a transfer ('upgrade') examination after one year. This is at odds with practice in other Faculties in the University and most other Group of Eight Engineering Faculties.

Enrolment in the MEngSc prior to PhD had been thought to impose a more stringent hurdle than direct PhD enrolment. However, confirmation of PhD candidature has been made more rigorous.

The inability to directly enrol as a PhD candidate is increasingly an impediment to attracting government-sponsored applicants from overseas, and imposes a significant financial burden on all overseas applicants who must reapply for a visa on successful transfer from MEngSci to PhD.

Direct entry will remove some double handling of information, and in particular the Faculty and MRGS assessment of honours equivalence which currently occur approximately one year apart for a student transferring from MEngSc to PhD.

Scope:

This policy refers to all applications for PhD candidature in the Faculty of Engineering at Monash University.

Definitions and Acronyms

H1 1st Class honours

H2A: 2nd class honours (Upper Division).

MRGS: Monash Research Graduate School

PhD (probationary): Candidature will be confirmed subject to the receipt of a satisfactory report of progress at the end of the 12-month (full-time) or 24-months (part-time) period of probationary candidature. Where a candidate has made exceptional progress, candidature may be confirmed after a minimum of six months full-time or 12 months part-time candidature.

Related Documents

Entry into PhD program: <http://www.eng.monash.edu.au/prospective/research.html>
<http://www.monash.edu.au/study/coursefinder/course/3291/>

Governing Documents Admission to candidature: http://www.mrgs.monash.edu.au/research/doctoral/chapter2a.html Probationary candidature: http://www.mrgs.monash.edu.au/research/doctoral/chapter2j.html English Language Requirements: http://www.mrgs.monash.edu.au/research/doctoral/chapter2d.html	
Responsibilities for Implementation Associate Dean (Research Training), Engineering.	Date Effective: 1 July 2009
Who Needs To Know This Policy Research training staff, academics, supervisors, Faculty Academic Manager, Research Training Coordinator, Department Postgraduate Coordinators, marketing and admissions staff	
Approval: Engineering Research and Research Training Committee Engineering Faculty Board	Review Date: July 2011
Performance Indicators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All administration requiring direct enrolment in PhD (probationary) programs is managed appropriately and in a timely manner. 	
Monitoring and Evaluation: Associate Dean (Research Training), Engineering, and Research Training Coordinator.	

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