

# MADA PhD Research Partnerships

## Encouraging Partnership Research amongst PhD Candidates

Research in Partnerships drives innovation and growth and benefits economy, society, environment, culture and beyond.

**Partners for research include:** Non-Profit Organisations; Federal/State Departments; Trusts; Councils; Industry; Business; GLAM organisations (Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums); and Community Organisations.

## Promoting a Culture of Partnership Research Among PhD Students

**The Australian Government strongly recommends PhD students to undertake a project with defined research tasks and outcomes with their preferred Partner Organisation during their PhD.**

The “PhD Research Internship” must be:

- Be related to a research doctorate student’s area of research;
- Be at least **three months** in duration;
- consist of **60 full-time equivalent** days;
- Be agreed in writing within **18 months** of the PhD student’s course commencement.

The partnership project may be conducted **on-site** with a Partner Organisation, **on-campus**, or **online**; it can be **part-time** or **full-time**, and either **paid** or **unpaid**.

Research residencies that satisfy the criteria also qualify as PhD Research Internships. It is an expectation of the Commonwealth Government that PhD Research Internships are recorded and reported.

## HDR Training & Research: Benefits of Partnership Research

### Students:

- Gain contacts/networks outside the university.
- Acquire interdisciplinary skills and practical skills - enhanced employability and preparation for diverse career pathways.
- Gain insights into relevant work - ideas that change their PhD topic or methods.
- Can receive stipends to support research career.
- Are awarded **60 hours** of Professional Development or one coursework unit within the Monash Doctoral Program.

### Supervisors:

- Gain collaborations/networks with industry/“outside-academia” stakeholders.
- Develop relationships to support future research and grant applications.
- Gain opportunities to seed mutually beneficial collaborative research via a careful design of the partnership project.
- Develop industry-related skills.

# Partnership Research Projects During PhD: Key Information

## Ideal time to undertake the project

The ideal time to undertake the project is agreed between the student and the supervisor, considering the partner organisation's needs and timelines too.

## Student enrollment status

Student must remain enrolled during the project period.

## Remuneration

If the partner organisation pays the student for the project, the partner cash is provided as a tax free stipend to Monash University and paid out to students with their fortnightly scholarship payments. There is no minimum or maximum for partner cash.

## Industry-embedded or funded?

Industry embedded PhD's and Industry-funded PhD's can be registered as PhD Research Internships if there is a written agreement. Contact MADA Graduate Research office for more information.

## International students

International students are able to undertake projects with partner organisations.

## Co-supervised PhD's

The primary faculty where the student is enrolled organises the paperwork.

## Find

Leverage supervisors'/students' industry links, check with MADA Graduate Research Office.

## Secure

Secure your internship by getting a Letter of Intent or HDR Project and Research Internship Agreement signed within 18 months (full time student) or 36 months (part time student) from the PhD commencement date.

## Start

Submit the 'Research Internship online form' to vary candidature and commence the internship.

## Finish

Complete the internship, submit the online return form (emailed to you by Monash Graduate Research Office.).