ECONOMICS DOCTORAL PROGRAM

AN ADVANCED PROGRAM FOR OUTSTANDING ECONOMIC SCHOLARS

MONASH BUSINESS SCHOOL
REAL SOLUTIONS
DEMAND REAL
WORLD RESEARCH
When you join the Monash Business School research community you become part of a bold, open-minded centre of research excellence that is committed to seeking knowledge in order to serve and transform society.

At Monash Business School, our mission is to deliver practical solutions that make an impact on the business world. We are shaping the future of business, venturing beyond traditional boundaries to bring together multi-disciplinary thinking to tackle the big issues in management and management research.

Our researchers are at the forefront of contemporary knowledge and practice. Every project and every challenge is underpinned by our unrelenting commitment to research excellence.

Are you ready to join us?

WHY A MONASH PHD?

The Monash Doctoral Program gives you an opportunity to challenge and change things for the better.

We are one of Australia’s leading research intensive universities, ranked among the top 100 universities in the world. And we are a member of the Group of Eight – the top tier universities in Australia recognised for their excellence and achievement.

We have a global reputation

Monash Business School is among the 1% of business schools in the world to have achieved the elite ‘triple crown’ of accreditation by the three major global business school accreditation bodies – AACSB, EQUIS and AMBA – and the only Group of Eight university to have done so.

We offer generous scholarships and grants

We believe in research excellence and we want to work with, and nurture the best researchers out there. That is why we offer generous funding support to graduate researchers. From scholarships and bursaries to cover the cost of your program, to help with your living expenses and travel grants to facilitate international experience, we give you the support you need to focus on your research and professional development, and make the most of opportunities as they arise.

Fostering an environment for success

We want you to have every opportunity to succeed. We provide an environment where new ideas are embraced, where scholarly debate creates new thinking and excellence is the norm.

You will be supported by a minimum of two supervisors throughout your enrolment, both of whom are committed to your success.

Your experience is broadened through our vibrant visitors program. We welcome leading scholars from around the world to Monash each year. During their visit, these scholars share their knowledge with our faculty and students through meetings, seminars, and informal discussions.

JOIN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

The Department of Economics has been at the forefront of economics education and research in Australia since the founding of the University in 1961.

We have a vibrant and supportive research culture, which includes:

- Ranking first in the Southern Hemisphere in Economics by Research Papers in Economics (RePEc)
- Placement of 38th in the world for Economics and Econometrics by the QS world Rankings
- Participation in domestic and international conferences, workshops and seminar series
- Academic staff who regularly publish in national and international leading field journals, as well as general interest journals, including the profession’s most prestigious outlets
- Strong commitment to interdisciplinary research through the business school’s Centre for Health Economics, Centre for Global Business and Department of Econometrics and Business Statistics, to expand our impact and scope
- Full support for our staff and PhD students to actively pursue grants to further their research.

In the 2015 ERA assessment, we received a rating of 4 (which is above world standard). Our academic staff are world-class, producing exceptionally diverse and impactful research outputs.
WHERE THE RESEARCH HAPPENS, MATTERS

The Economics Doctoral program

- Available on a full-time or part-time basis
- Normally completed in 3-4 years
- Commencement in February and August each year

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Major thesis
The principal component of the Economics PhD is a major thesis, embodying the results of an original research project.

Coursework
At Monash, coursework is designed to widen your knowledge, to place the specialised research project within a broader disciplinary context, and to enhance your research skills.

You will be required to complete five core subjects and one elective as part of your program:
- Microeconomic theory
- Macroeconomic theory
- Mathematical economic theory
- Research topics in advanced microeconomics
- Research topics in advanced macroeconomics
- One other unit offered by the School in consultation with your main supervisor.

These subjects are designed to ensure you have the theoretical background and capability to be able to read graduate-level content and harvest the knowledge you need from it.

Milestones
Progress through the PhD is evaluated at three annual milestones to help ensure all students complete their studies in the required time.

As well as being a tool to assist students to complete on time milestones are also an opportunity to receive critical feedback on your project, which is a crucial part of your research development. Milestones also provide a forum for you to acquire presentation skills when presenting your research.

Participation in departmental activities
Participation in the intellectual and academic life of the Department is an important aspect of your candidature.

In addition to improving your own intellectual capital, it provides you with opportunities to network with and present to supportive staff.

To this end, you will meet to discuss your progress with your supervisor fortnightly. The Department runs a number of research seminars throughout the year which you are also encouraged to attend. There is also a graduate student seminar which is conducted and coordinated by the HDR students.
THE POWER OF GREAT RESEARCH STARTS HERE

The Department of Economics at Monash Business School has more than 50 economists undertaking work in virtually all major fields of the discipline.

Our research profile is particularly strong in the areas of:
– Applied Microeconomics
– Behavioural and Experimental Economics
– Development and Sustainability
– Industrial Organisation and Business Strategy
– Macroeconomics
– Network Economics

For more information, refer to monash.edu/business/economics/research

Research resources and facilities
We provide our students with a range of research resources and state-of-the-art facilities. These include databases and journal subscriptions, as well as laboratory facilities.

Monash Laboratory for Experimental Economics (MonLEE)
Given our research strength in the area of behavioural and experimental economics, the department operates MonLEE in order to study the actions and behaviour of individuals under various conditions. MonLEE outputs have been the basis of published research for a range of projects.
Scholarships and financial aid
Monash University spends more than $47 million each year on postgraduate research scholarships.

We also offer living and other allowances, travel grants, publication grants, residential scholarships and more. Stipends and other allowances help with living and other costs, such as relocation costs from outside Victoria, including overseas.

The Australian Government’s Research Training Program (RTP) covers course fees for research candidates who are Australian or New Zealand citizens or Australian permanent residents for the specified duration of their course.

Our tuition scholarships for international students cover the cost of tuition fees, and in some cases include the cost of compulsory Overseas Student Health Cover.

For more information visit
monash.edu/graduate-research/future-students/support

Entry requirements
All applicants must be able to demonstrate a capacity to carry out independent research, have adequate training and the ability to pursue the proposed course of study. The minimum qualifications and English language skills required to be considered for entry into our program are provided at:
monash.edu/graduate-research/future-students/apply

How to apply
Applying for the Economics Doctoral Program involves four basic steps.

Step 1
Submit an expression of interest to the Monash Business School Research Services Office at:
buseco-research.degree@monash.edu
Tel: +613 9905 1055

Step 2
Receive an invitation to apply.
Applications may only be submitted once you have obtained an invitation from the Department of Economics. This can take up to four weeks. If you hope to secure a scholarship, it is recommended that you start the process one month prior to scholarship closing dates.

Closing date information is available at:
monash.edu/graduate-research/future-students/support

Please see more information on commencement dates at:
monash.edu/graduate-research/future-students/apply/accept/scholarship/commencement-date

Step 3
Submit a formal application for admission.
You can apply online at:
monash.edu/graduate-research/future-students/apply

Step 4
Accept your offer.
Further information
monash.edu/business/future-students/research-degrees

Department of Economics
Associate Professor Zhijun Chen
Email: zhijun.chen@monash.edu

Monash Business School Research Services Office
Tel: +61 3 9905 1055
Email: buseco-research.degrees@monash.edu