BUSINESS LAW AND TAXATION DOCTORAL PROGRAM

An advanced program for outstanding scholars

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REAL SOLUTIONS DEMAND REAL WORLD RESEARCH

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 and tackle the big issues in business law and taxation 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. We are committed to developing and supporting the research leaders who will shape the future. Are you ready to join us?

WHY A MONASH PHD?

The Monash Doctoral Program gives you an opportunity to challenge the status quo 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 one of only 86 business schools in the world to have been awarded ‘Triple Accreditation’ by three global accrediting bodies: The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB); EFMD Quality Improvement System (EQUIS); and the Association of MBAs (AMBA).

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.

Fostering an environment for success

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 will also be broadened through our vibrant visitors program. We welcome leading scholars from around the world to Monash Business School each year. These scholars share their knowledge with our faculty and students through meetings, seminars and informal discussions.

JOIN THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS LAW AND TAXATION

The Department of Business Law and Taxation is one of Australia’s largest and most versatile business law departments. We offer a comprehensive research program in the fields of commercial law and regulation in Australia, the Asia-Pacific region and internationally. Our academics are nationally and internationally recognised experts in their fields. Situated in an international business school, we push the boundaries of legal research and explore questions that often are not addressed using traditional methods. In the Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) 2018 assessment, Monash Business School achieved a rating of 4 (above world standard) in Law.

Our vibrant and supportive research culture includes:

- Departmental focused Research Groups, which provide a platform for research collaboration and mentorship for Higher Degree by Research (HDR) candidates and early career researchers
- Strengths across a range of traditional legal, empirical, comparative and inter-disciplinary methods
- Support for participation in domestic and international conferences, workshops and seminar series
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- Receiving funding through competitive research grants, including Australian Research Council (ARC) schemes and industry sources
- Full support for our staff and PhD students to pursue grants to further their research

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Milestones
Progress through the PhD is evaluated at three milestones to help ensure all students complete their studies in the required time. Milestones are an opportunity to receive critical feedback on your project from established academics external to your supervisory team. Milestones also provide a forum to develop your 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 also runs a number of research and HDR seminars throughout the year which you are encouraged to attend.

THE BUSINESS LAW AND TAXATION DOCTORAL PROGRAM

Available on a full-time or part-time basis

Normally completed in 3-4 years

Commences biannually

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Major thesis
The principal component of the Business Law and Taxation PhD is a major thesis of up to 80,000 words, comprised of an original research project.

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

You will be required to complete the following unit as part of your program:
- Research strategies and methods in business law.

This subject will provide you with the theoretical background and practical skills you need to conduct your research.

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HEMALI SHAH
Monash Business School PhD graduate
Research focus: Legal and regulatory barriers across electronic international trade
Now: Member of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) panel

My research focuses on legal and regulatory barriers in a way to making the Australian Single Window System interoperable with foreign Single Window systems to facilitate electronic international trade. This research adopts an interdisciplinary approach, which is essential to solving complex legal problems involved in electronic trade. Monash Business School was an ideal place to embark on this research, as it adopts a multidisciplinary approach across business and law, which has been essential to the success of my research.

I feel blessed to have excellent supervisors, who have supported and motivated me every step of the way. As there was no prior research in the area of my empirical study, they always guided me in the right direction and have made my PhD journey truly rewarding.

At the early stage of my research career, I was positioned as one of the leading experts on the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) panel and was allocated the task to draft one of the most complex sections of its recommendations. This honour was possible because of Monash Business School’s commitment to its research students. Not only do they give you the tools to produce quality research, they foster your growth as an early-career researcher through grants and scholarships to assist with fieldwork, and opportunities to attend conferences and events to help to build your academic career.
Our main departmental research strengths are:
- Asian and comparative business regulation
- company law and litigation
- international trade and commercial law
- labour and human rights
- law and environmental sustainability
- law and technology
- regulatory theory and practice
- tax law and policy.

A collaborative research environment
Across these strengths, the Department of Business Law and Taxation has a strong focus on research support and collaborations, which we foster primarily through our Research Groups:
- Asia-Pacific Business Regulation Group
- Corporate Law, Organisation and Litigation Group
- International Trade and International Commercial Law Research Group
- Labour, Equality and Human Rights Research Group
- Taxation Law Research Group

Our staff also lead the Ethical Regulation Research Group within Monash Business School, which explores the potential role of regulation in creating more sustainable businesses, communities and societies. We are also committed to engaging with industry through forming research connections with government, industry and professional bodies. Our researchers ask questions that challenge industry policies and practices for positive change and have developed strong links with industry, government and within academia. Our staff work with Australian and international organisations, including the Australian Taxation Office, International Labour Organization, United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law.

THE POWER OF GREAT RESEARCH STARTS HERE

MAKE YOUR RESEARCH DREAM A REALITY

Scholarships and Fees
Monash University spends more than $47 million each year on graduate 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:
www.monash.edu/business/research/graduate-research-program/doctor-of-philosophy/scholarships-and-fees

READY TO MAKE AN IMPACT?

Entry Requirements and How to Apply
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:
www.monash.edu/business/research/graduate-research-program/doctor-of-philosophy/how-to-apply

How to Apply
Applying for the Business Law and Taxation Doctoral Program involves four basic steps.

Step 1
Submit an Expression of Interest online at:
www.monash.edu/business/research/graduate-research-program/doctor-of-philosophy/how-to-apply#tabs__1584302-01

Step 2
Preliminary Assessment
Your Expression of Interest will be assessed. A positive outcome will result in an Invitation to Apply. This can take up to four weeks. If you hope to secure a scholarship, it is recommended that you start the process no later than one month prior to scholarship application closing dates.

Step 3
Invitation to Apply
If you meet the conditions of the preliminary assessment process and the Department has the necessary facilities, resources and supervision for your project, you will be invited to apply for a Monash Business School PhD – this can take up to four weeks. The invitation will direct you to the online application system where you can commence a formal application.

Step 4
Accept your offer.
Further information
www.monash.edu/business/research/graduate-research-program

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