BUSINESS LAW AND TAXATION DOCTORAL PROGRAM
AN ADVANCED PROGRAM FOR OUTSTANDING SCHOLARS

MONASH BUSINESS SCHOOL
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 have a global reputation
Monash Business School is among the 1% of business schools in the world to have achieved the elite “triple crown” 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.

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 each year. These scholars share their knowledge with our faculty and students through meetings, seminars, and informal discussions.

The Department of Business Law and Taxation is one of Australia’s largest and most versatile business law departments, offering a comprehensive research program in the fields of business law, taxation and other forms of regulation.

Our expertise in these fields is recognised internationally with our academics regularly receiving national and international competitive research grants. Our doctoral program is widely acknowledged as one of the world’s best, attracting PhD students from four continents.

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

– Contributing to Monash University’s five-star Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) rating for the discipline of Law
– Participation in domestic and international conferences, workshops and seminar series
– Expert academic supervision of 31 Higher Degree by Research (HDR) students
– Academic staff that regularly publish in national and international leading field journals, as well as general interest journals, including the profession’s most prestigious outlets
– Full support for our staff and PhD students to pursue grants to further their 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.
WHERE THE RESEARCH HAPPENS, MATTERS

The Business Law and Taxation PhD program

Available on a full-time or part-time basis

Normally completed in 3-4 years

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.

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 the practical skills you need to conduct 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 also encouraged to attend.
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:
- banking, consumer and commercial law
- corporate law and corporate social responsibility
- taxation law and policy
- workplace and industrial relations law
- comparative business law, with a particular focus on the Asian region.

A collaborative research environment
Across these strengths, the Department of Business Law and Taxation has a strong focus on research collaborations, which we foster primarily through our three research groups:
- Asia-Pacific Business Regulation Group
- Workplace and Corporate Law Research Group
- Taxation Law and Policy Research Group

Our staff also lead the Ethical Regulation Research Group within the 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.

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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 Business Law and Taxation PhD program involves four basic steps.

Step 1
Submit an expression of interest to Monash Business School Research Services Office at:
buseco-research.degrees@monash.edu
Tel: +61 3 9905 1055

Step 2
Receive an invitation to apply. Applications may only be submitted once you have obtained an invitation from the Department of Business Law and Taxation. 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 closing dates. Closing date information is available at:
monash.edu/graduate-research/future-students/support

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

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