

Monash PhD Program (Monash Suzhou-based) Guideline

Monash University

Combining world-leading teaching, research, facilities and experience, Monash University ("Monash") ranks 55th globally in the QS World University Rankings 2021 and 75th in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020. It is a founding member of the Group of 8, comprised of Australia's leading universities.

Monash is one of the most internationally-focused universities in Australia (ranking 21st in the World's Most International Universities in 2017 as released by Times Higher Education), with campuses and teaching locations across Australia, Malaysia, China, India, and Italy. It provides its students with wide-ranging opportunities for international exchange and study tours, in partnership with more than 100 universities across 30 countries. With extensive research collaborations and alliances across the United Kingdom, North America, Europe and Africa, Monash's graduates possess a unique combination of leadership, entrepreneurial skills, and a global perspective.

To learn more about Monash, please refer to the website: <https://www.monash.edu/>.

Monash Suzhou

Monash is the first Australian university approved by the Chinese Ministry of Education to jointly open a graduate school in China in partnership with Southeast University (SEU), China. On this basis, it establishes Monash Suzhou in Suzhou Industrial Park, which is now composed of SEU-Monash Joint Graduate School (JGS) and Joint Research Institute (JRI), Monash-Suzhou Research Institute (MSRI) and Monash Engineering and Technology Company. To date, the JGS has developed 9 double masters programs including Industrial Design, Interpreting and Translation Studies, International Business, Transportation Systems, Civil Engineering, Industrial Chemical Engineering, Information Technology Systems, Artificial Intelligence and Health Data. The JRI and MSRI have established six centres including Future cities, Energy and Environment, Advanced Materials and Manufacturing, Advanced Computation in Science and Engineering, Life (Medical/Bio) Science and Global Business.

For details, please refer to the website: <https://www.monash.edu/suzhou/>.

Monash PhD based at Monash Suzhou

The Monash PhD Program (based primarily at Monash Suzhou) is directed at students who want to enrol through Monash University but whose primary research will be located at Monash Suzhou. Student research projects typically align with the JGS and JRI R&D activities, but may also include university-wide R&D projects where appropriate. The key features are given below.

1. Key Information for Students

1.1 Admission to Doctoral Enrolment

All applicants must meet Monash's minimum Academic Qualifications and English Language Proficiency for PhD admission, as outlined on the following webpages: <https://www.monash.edu/graduate-research/faqs-and-resources/content/chapter-two/2-1>; and <https://www.monash.edu/graduate-research/faqs-and-resources/content/chapter-two/2-2>

To apply, please follow the instructions available at: <https://www.monash.edu/graduate-research/future-students/apply>.

1.2 Conditions of Enrolment and Period of Study

Conditions of enrolment are available at: <https://www.monash.edu/graduate-research/faqs-and-resources/content/chapter-three>.

Relevant period of study is outlined below:

Mode	Maximum Course Duration*
Full-time PhD	4 years
Part-time PhD #	8 years

* The completion of the PhD study is dependent upon successful completion of all components of the program, not the enrolment time.

Part-time PhD enrolment may be approved where a candidate is employed by an external company (e.g. a JITRI Special Research Institute). At Monash, part-time study load is generally 0.5 Equivalent Full-Time Study Load (EFTSL), which means that 1-year full-time study would be equivalent to 2 years part-time.

1.3 Course Requirements and Progress Milestones

In addition to completing their research thesis, PhD candidates are required to complete either coursework units or professional development training as part of their PhD program, along with Monash Graduate Research Induction, Research Integrity and Faculty or Program induction requirements.

Students are also required to meet Monash's milestone progression requirements, given below:

Confirmation	Progress Review	Final Review
To be completed at 12 months equivalent full time after the commencement	To be completed at 24 months equivalent full time after the commencement	To be completed at 36 months equivalent full time after the commencement

1.4 Thesis and Examination

The thesis is examined in English. More details on thesis requirements and examination are available at: <https://www.monash.edu/graduate-research/faqs-and-resources/content/chapter-seven/7-1>

1.5 Scholarships, Tuition and Other Fees

To learn more about fees and scholarships, including information on tuition fee waiver scholarships and/or living stipends, please visit <https://www.monash.edu/suzhou/study-at-suzhou/phd-programs>.

In addition, a living allowance (or top-up) scholarship may be provided by a sponsored organisation which has a collaborative agreement with Monash. It may be available from a supervisor from his/her received research funds.

2. Key Information for Supervisors

Supervisors are required to follow the relevant rules and regulations at Monash, including roles and responsibilities as outlined on the Governance and framework webpage. For details, please refer to <https://www.monash.edu/graduate-research/supervision/framework>.

At least two supervisors must be appointed to the student's supervisory panel. The student's main supervisor must hold either a Monash staff or adjunct appointment and be currently accredited as a supervisor. Associate supervisor(s)/external(s) can be from Monash or other institutions, e.g. SEU and Jiangsu Industrial Technology Research Institute (JITRI) who have collaborative agreements with Monash. If from an external institution, the associate supervisor needs to be familiar with the Monash PhD program and its requirements.

3. Additional Information

In addition to the information mentioned above, students and supervisors are required to comply with relevant PhD policies at Monash. The Monash University Handbook for Doctoral Degrees is available at: <https://www.monash.edu/graduate-research/faqs-and-resources/content>.

Detailed or updated information can be made using the following contacts:

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