

Injury Prevention Graduate Research Industry Partnership (IP-GRIP):

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for applicants.

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Why study injury prevention?

The global burden of injury is vast. Injuries continue to be a major cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide, contributing to more than five million deaths each year and tens of millions of people experiencing ongoing disability as a result of injuries (WHO, 2016). Injury therefore has been identified as a major public health problem in Australia and internationally.

As a result of a shift in understanding that injuries are largely preventable events and recognition of the significant health and financial implications to the community, injury prevention research and policy is now clearly placed in the public health arena. More importantly, the growing acceptance of injuries as a preventable public health problem has identified an urgent need for highly trained injury prevention researchers to assist in providing the evidence-base on which effective public policy and programs can be delivered.

What is a Monash Graduate Research Industry Partnerships (GRIPs)?

Graduate Research Industry Partnerships (GRIPs) are Monash's response to the rising demand for researchers with interdisciplinary capabilities and the readiness to apply their expertise to solving real-world problems in industry.

Graduate research students in a GRIP are honed to become thought leaders for industry through a unique industry-driven interdisciplinary training program, internship opportunities, mentoring and scholarships.

GRIPs bring together Graduate Researchers (PhD students) and academic leaders from various fields with external partners to explore an issue of global significance.

Outstanding Graduate Research students from multiple disciplines work with established Monash academics to find innovative, interdisciplinary approaches and solutions that are relevant to industry.

What are the career opportunities once I complete the IP-GRIP PhD?

Within the IP-GRIP, you will address research questions of direct relevance to injury prevention and will gain a broad range of skills and professional attributes to enable you to have a career making an impact in academia, industry, government or community.

Where will I be located?

All IP-GRIP PhD students, when not in situ with their Industry Partners, will be located at the Monash University Accident Research Centre (MUARC), which is located at: 21 Alliance Lane, Monash University (Clayton Campus).

How long will my IP-GRIP PhD take?

The IP-GRIP PhD is expected to take three (3) years full-time – with opportunity for extension to this time. It is expected the IP-GRIP PhD students design a program of research that can be completed within three (3) years of commencement.

What training will be provided?

A comprehensive professional development program has been designed for IP-GRIP PhD students which includes core PhD skills, injury prevention training, personal and professional development, peer-to-peer learning, and Industry Partner co-location.

Can I undertake the IP-GRIP PhD on a part-time basis?

The IP-GRIP PhD can only be undertaken by full-time students.

When does the IP-GRIP start?

IP GRIP students cannot defer their enrolment and must commence by 30 June 2019.

What does a full-time week look like?

IP-GRIP PhD students are expected to work on their PhD for a minimum of four days per week during normal business hours across Monday to Friday.

What qualification will I get?

IP-GRIP PhD students will receive a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

What are the entry requirements for the IP-GRIP?

The minimum entry requirements qualifications for admission into the IP-GRIP are:

- A bachelor degree requiring at least four years of full-time study, and which normally includes a research component in the fourth year, leading to an Honours degree class I or class IIA level, OR
- A course leading to a level rated by the relevant department, faculty and committee as equivalent to an Honours class I or IIA degree, OR
- A Master degree that entails work, normally including a significant research component, at least equivalent to an Honours degree (a 'significant research component' in a Master degree will vary from discipline to discipline). It is normally expected that a grade of HIIA has been obtained for the research thesis or project. Where ungraded, examiners' reports will be taken into account, OR
- Have qualifications which in the opinion of the committee are deemed equivalent.

For further details: (<https://www.monash.edu/graduate-research/faqs-and-resources/content/chapter-two/2-1>)

Are international applicants eligible to apply for the IP-GRIP?

Yes, the IP-GRIP is available to anyone who meets the eligibility requirements.

How much is the IP-GRIP scholarship, and does the IP-GRIP scholarship rate increase each year?

The IP-GRIP scholarship is equivalent to the basic Research Training Program (RTP) stipend and is indexed annually (<https://www.monash.edu/graduate-research/future-students/scholarships/stipend>).

Do I have to pay tax on my IP-GRIP scholarship?

No, the IP-GRIP scholarship is tax free.

When/how will I receive my IP-GRIP scholarship payment?

Scholarship payments will be transferred into your nominated bank account on a fortnightly basis for three years.

Do I get holidays and other leave entitlements?

Yes, you are eligible to take 20 days recreation leave each year, as well as other types of personal leave as noted in Chapter 4.1 of the Doctoral Student Handbook: (<https://www.monash.edu/graduate-research/faqs-and-resources/content/chapter-four/4-1>).

Is there a relocation allowance for interstate applicants?

No, there is no relocation allowance.

Can I defer my IP-GRIP place if I am successful?

No, all IP-GRIP PhD students are expected to commence between 1 March and 1 June 2019.

Can I work part-time?

All IP-GRIP PhD students are expected to be full-time (i.e., four days per week during normal business hours across Monday to Friday). Consequently, IP-GRIP PhD students are permitted to undertake part-time, paid employment throughout the year. This employment must not interfere with the requirements of the IP-GRIP PhD study program. IP-GRIP PhD students are expected to be present during standard working hours to enable interaction with their Supervisory team and their cohort – unless they are on an agreed placement with their Industry Partner.

How do I apply?

Please note that there are two stages for the IP-GRIP application:

- Stage 1: An Expression of Interest (EOI) must be submitted by applicants for the project(s) they are interested in. EOIs will be considered and a shortlist of potential applicants will be invited to attend an interview.
- Stage 2: Following the interviews, the preferred applicant for each project will be invited to submit a formal online application.

How will my application be assessed? What is the selection process?

Entry into the IP-GRIP is anticipated to be very competitive and applicants will be assessed according to their academic record, work experience and 'fit' with the Industry Partner. This assessment will be facilitated through:

1. Expression of Interest (EOI): To review suitability of applicant.
2. Interview: To validate applicant's EOI and to assess their 'fit' with Supervisory team and Industry Partners.
3. Application: To confirm applicant's eligibility and perform reference checks.

Are there tuition fees?

No, there are no tuition fees for IP-GRIP PhD students who are Australian or New Zealand citizens or Australian permanent residents for the specified duration of their PhD.

Do I need to re-enrol each year?

IP-GRIP PhD students will be required to re-enrol online each year. Failure to re-enrol will result in loss of IP-GRIP PhD student privileges (e.g., library access, internet access, etc.). There is a student amenities fee which is payable at time of re-enrolment. (<https://www.monash.edu/fees/fee-types/amenities>)

How does the Graduate Research supervisory system work?

Successful IP-GRIP PhD students will be supported by one Main Supervisor and at least one Associate Supervisor from Monash University. Where appropriate, one or more External Supervisors may be included in the Supervisory team. In addition to formal supervision, successful IP-GRIP PhD students will have support from MUARC and their Industry Partner throughout their PhD.

What are the obligations of my Graduate Research supervisors (and the university)?

The obligations of your PhD supervisors (and the university) are outlined in Chapter 5 of the Monash Handbook for Doctoral Degrees (<https://www.monash.edu/graduate-research/faqs-and-resources/content/chapter-five/5-2>).

What are my obligations as a Graduate Research student?

There are a number of formal and informal obligations as an IP-GRIP PhD student, including:

- Following the Monash University Occupational Health, Safety and Environmental (<https://www.monash.edu/ohs>) requirements;
- Work with the IP-GRIP Industry Partners to keep them informed and updated on research progress, and
- Participate in activities of the IP-GRIP cohort (e.g., guest lectures, mini conference, Injury Prevention training, etc.), as well as contribute to the cohort in the spirit of collegiality (e.g., share ideas / frustrations, participate in social events, participate in the media, etc.).