



Monash Warwick Alliance Joint PhD Programme

Frequently Asked Questions

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What are the advantages of the Monash Warwick Alliance Joint PhD over a traditional PhD?

Students on the joint PhD will have simultaneous access to facilities and services at two internationally renowned institutions, and will be supported by a team of exceptional academics across the two institutions.

Throughout the joint PhD, you can expect:

- Supervision from a minimum of two internationally renowned scholars;
- Joint enrolment at two institutions with access to all facilities and resources available to local students;
- Access to professional and academic training at both institutions;
- To be at the forefront of world-leading, innovative research;
- To access and develop professional networks on opposite sides of the globe;
- To develop the academic, professional and personal skills that will enable you to negotiate the global job market as a truly international citizen.

What are the entry requirements for the Monash Warwick Alliance Joint PhD?

The joint PhD is a course of study suitable for high calibre students. You will be expected to demonstrate a high level of ability to carry out advanced independent research of the highest quality.

You should have the capacity to carry out advanced independent research and have adequate training and ability to pursue the proposed course of study.

You should have a minimum of four years tertiary study, with a substantive research component, usually in the final year, to the following standards:

Australian applicants: Minimum of a first-class honours degree (or equivalent).

UK applicants for Science PhDs: a 2.1+ from a 3-year Bachelor's degree; or 2.1+ from a 4-year Integrated Master's degree (or the equivalent from other countries).

UK applicants for non-Science PhDs: a strong 1-year Master's degree with a substantial research component in addition to a good Bachelor's degree (or the equivalent from other countries).

What level of English proficiency is required?

You will be required to satisfy whichever is the higher English language admission requirement for the particular discipline from either university.

Please take a look at [Warwick's English proficiency requirements](#) and [Monash's English proficiency requirements](#).

How do I find and contact a supervisor?

It is important that you research your chosen topic and the academic(s) working in that field at both institutions.

Once you have identified an academic, you need to persuade them that you are a suitable candidate. You also need to feel comfortable with the supervisor; after all they will be your mentor for at least three years. Make contact with the academic in charge of the project you are interested in or the academic that is most

closely aligned with the research topic at the University that you intend to apply through. Staff contact details are available via the universities' websites.

It is wise, if distance permits, to arrange a meeting with them or a telephone / skype conversation where you can discuss your proposed PhD and their research interests, and the proposed supervisor at the other university. It is recommended that a telephone / skype conversation be arranged with both supervisors. During discussions they will be able to help you focus on your topic offering advice on how to structure your research, and the requirements as far as a proposal / application are concerned. They may also be able to help you with funding applications.

You should not leave this process until too late as the academic may suggest contacting a different academic or changes to your proposal. The two proposed supervisors also need time to complete the Joint Supervision Statement and return it to you in order for you to complete your application.

Please be aware that the following faculties at Monash are not currently accepting applications to the joint PhD; Business and Economics, Education, Law, Art Design and Architecture. If you are unsure as to whether your subject area would be eligible, please contact your potential supervisor or email the Monash Warwick Alliance on mw-alliance@warwick.ac.uk.

How does the supervisory system work?

A supervisor's role is to support you and offer guidance, beginning with helping to organise your initial objectives. You will have regular contact with your supervisory team throughout your programme.

Throughout the joint PhD, you will have a minimum of two supervisors, one from each institution.

What if I want to do an interdisciplinary research project?

Your supervisors at Warwick and Monash do not have to come from the same academic discipline. As long as the supervisors agree that it is appropriate, and they are willing, to co-supervise your project then the supervisors can be from different academic disciplines. It is also possible to have two supervisors at each university, i.e. a total of four supervisors, in order to facilitate interdisciplinary research.

Which University should I apply to?

UK/EU applicants should apply to Warwick and Australian applicants should apply through Monash. If you are an international applicant outside of these countries you should apply to the University at which you wish to start your course.

How do I make an application?

You will need to complete an online application form for either Warwick or Monash. This application form constitutes an application for admission to the joint PhD program. In addition your proposed supervisors at Warwick and Monash will need to complete a [Joint Supervision Statement](#) for you to upload with your other supporting documentation as part of the application. Your application will not be considered without a Joint Supervision Statement.

Apply online to [Monash](#).

Apply online to [Warwick](#).

How will my application be assessed?

There are a number of considerations as part of the assessment process:

1. An initial review by the academic unit in either Warwick or Monash, depending on the institution to which you apply;
2. An assessment of whether the institutions are able to supervise the proposed project and whether a counterpart supervisor is available at the other institution;
3. A consideration of your academic abilities;

At each stage, the people responsible for assessing the application will ask:

- Are you eligible for admission to the course of study?
- Is your proposed project or topic in an area for which supervision exists at both universities?

What is the duration of the joint PhD?

Students are expected to complete their requirements for their degree within three years, with the opportunity to extend to a possible maximum of four years.

What are the fees?

Fee levels are determined by the local rules in place in each institution.

If you apply through Warwick as a UK/Home or EU student, you will pay the standard Warwick fee.

If you apply through Monash as a domestic Australian student, you will not be charged any fees.

If you do not classify as a home/domestic student at either institution, you will be charged a different fee as an international student. Please see [Fees and Funding](#) for more information.

Is there funding available, and how do I apply for it?

Some funding is available but the terms and conditions differ depending on whether you apply to Monash or to Warwick. Find out more about [funding](#).

What services, facilities and sources of support are available throughout the programme?

You will have access to all the services and support provided to students at both institutions throughout the programme.

[Find out more about the comprehensive range of support and services available for postgraduate researchers at Warwick.](#)

How long am I expected to spend at each institution?

You are required to spend a minimum of one year at the University of Warwick and one year at one of the Australian campuses of Monash University. You will travel to the other institution to further your research, as discussed with your supervisors; this will usually be in the second year of the programme. The periods you spend at either institution can be as single blocks of study, or can be split into multiple periods, subject to any funding or visa restrictions.

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

You should be enrolled in the joint PhD on a full-time basis.

Which institution will award my degree?

You will be asked to choose the institution at which you wish to graduate. You will receive two certificates, one from each university, that act as a counterpart to each other referring to the joint nature of your degree. The certificates will be physically issued by the institution at which you wish to graduate.

Appendix 1: Joint PhD Courses

If your subject area is not listed below please email the Monash Warwick Alliance on mw-alliance@warwick.ac.uk.

Course Name	Award Text
Caribbean Studies	in Arts (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Comparative Literature	in Arts (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Translation Studies	in Arts (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Comparative Cultural Studies	in Arts (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Classics and Ancient History	in Arts (awarded jointly with Monash University)
English and Comparative Literary Studies	in Arts (awarded jointly with Monash University)
English Language Teaching and Applied Linguistics	in Arts (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Applied Linguistics	in Arts (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Film Studies	in Arts (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Film and Television Studies	in Arts (awarded jointly with Monash University)
French	in Arts (awarded jointly with Monash University)
German Studies	in Arts (awarded jointly with Monash University)
History of Art	in Arts (awarded jointly with Monash University)
History	in Arts (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Hispanic Studies	in Arts (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Italian	in Arts (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Philosophy and Literature	in Arts (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Philosophy	in Arts (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Renaissance Studies	in Arts (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Theatre Studies	in Arts (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Medicine	in Medicine (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Medical Sciences	in Medicine (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Clinical Education	in Medicine (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Health Sciences	in Medicine (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research	in Medicine (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Medical Education	in Medicine (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Biological Sciences	in Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Systems Biology	in Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Life Sciences	in Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Chemistry	in Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Mathematical Biology and Biophysical Chemistry	in Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Complexity Science	in Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Computer Science	in Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Scientific Computing	in Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Engineering	in Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
WMG: Engineering EngD	in Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Plant and Environmental Sciences	in Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Industrial and Business Studies	in Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Interdisciplinary Mathematics	in Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Mathematics	in Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Mathematics and Statistics	in Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Psychology	in Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Physics	in Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Statistics	in Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Warwick Business School Doctoral Programme	in Social Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Continuing Education	in Social Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Economics	in Social Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Mathematics Education	in Social Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Arts Education	in Social Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Science Education	in Social Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Education	in Social Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)

Doctorate in Education	in Social Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Law	in Social Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Politics	in Social Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Politics and International Studies	in Social Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
International Studies	in Social Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Ethnic Relations	in Social Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Sociology	in Social Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Creative Industries	in Social Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)
Women and Gender	in Social Science (awarded jointly with Monash University)