



Monash Warwick Alliance Joint PhD Programme

How to Apply

Applying for a research degree is a time-consuming process. You should make sure that you understand all the work that leads up to the submission of the application form and subsequent Monash Warwick Alliance Joint PhD Scholarship application form, as detailed in the [Monash Warwick Alliance Joint PhD Application Process](#).

Please note that Australian students should apply through Monash and UK/EU students should apply to Warwick. If you are an international student outside of these countries then you should apply to the university at which you wish to start your course.

Apply online to [Monash](#).

Apply online to [Warwick](#).

The Monash Warwick Alliance Joint PhD is a challenging programme intended for high quality students, who are able to spend at least 12 months at the partner university, so be sure that this form of graduate research degree is right for you before applying.

Stage One: Preparation

Prior to applying for a place on the Monash Warwick Alliance Joint PhD programme you should research your chosen topic. You should be dedicated to your topic of research and prepared for several years of rewarding but challenging study.

The first step is to identify and approach a potential supervisors at both universities. Both potential supervisors will then need to complete a [Joint Supervision Statement](#) which will need to be uploaded as part of the application process.

You will then need to prepare your research proposal, this is a document explaining what you would like to research for your doctorate. A failure to submit a detailed research proposal with your application can significantly reduce your chances of success.

The final part of this stage is to ensure that you have read the general [PhD application pages](#) and followed all the steps listed.

Stage Two: Application for a place on the Joint PhD programme

Your application will then need to be made through the online [Postgraduate Direct Application System](#). You can save your application at any point and come back to it a later date. Prior to submitting your application make sure that you have:

- Selected an appropriate [Joint PhD course code](#);
- Completed all required sections;

- If you are an international student, and wish to apply for the [Chancellor's International Scholarship](#), tick the box on the application form and complete the additional sections by the deadline for applications to the Chancellor's International Scholarship which is **23:59 GMT on Friday 18th January 2019**.

Applications for the Alliance Joint PhD can be made at any point in the year.

Stage Three: Application for a scholarship for the Joint PhD programme

Before applying for the Monash Warwick Alliance Joint PhD Scholarship you must have applied for a place on the Alliance Joint PhD programme and received your student ID number. You will receive this within 48 hours of submitting your application online. Once you have your student ID number you can then apply for the Alliance Joint PhD Scholarship by completing the separate [Alliance Joint PhD Scholarship Application Form](#) online.

The deadline for submitting an application for an Alliance Joint PhD Scholarship is **23:59 GMT on Wednesday 6th March 2019**.

As part of the [Alliance Joint PhD Scholarship Application Form](#) you will be asked to answer four supplementary questions about your motivation and suitability for one of these highly sought after scholarships. Guidance on answering the questions is provided below.

- 1. Please provide details of how you meet the descriptors "Person and Preparedness" This section has a maximum 2500 character limit.**

Here is your opportunity to evidence why you should be chosen to receive a scholarship. What makes you stand out as a person? What is your academic history at Undergraduate and, if applicable, Postgraduate Taught Level. How well equipped are you to undertake a PhD? What are your skills? Do you have any professional experience? You may wish to highlight any publications or awards that are relevant to your proposed study.

- 2. Please provide details of how you meet the descriptors "Project and Place" This section has a maximum 2500 character limit.**

This is your opportunity to evidence why you should be chosen to receive a scholarship. What makes your project worthy of an award? How will it contribute to the field? How well have you articulated and justified your research question? Have you engaged with relevant literature? How well does your project fit with the research strengths?

- 3. What added value do you hope a joint PhD will bring to you as opposed to you pursuing a single degree at either university? This section has a maximum 2500 character limit.**

This section of the application form allows you to explain that you have fully thought out the benefits of a joint PhD. You may wish to highlight individual work of your proposed supervisors, current research being undertaken at the University, equipment or machines available at one campus and not the other?

- 4. How do the two research groups you hope to work in complement each other in view of your project? This section has a maximum 2500 character limit.**

This section provides you with the opportunity to show that you have done your research; scholarship holders will have supervisors at Monash and Warwick, it is vital that both research areas

complement one another. Explain how well your project fits with your proposed supervisors and relevant departments?