

GRADUATE RESEARCH

APPLICATION GUIDE

STUDY AT ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING UNIVERSITIES

TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP



Ask pressing questions. Develop critical thinking. Tackle the challenges facing our world and find solutions to tomorrow's problems.

At La Trobe, you'll gain a truly global education that gives you a winning edge in today's competitive job market. We're ranked in the top one per cent of universities worldwide¹, strengthened by our partnerships with international institutions and industries.

A research degree at La Trobe can help you make a real impact on today's big issues. You'll learn to become a bold thinker at a university that's globally recognised for research excellence.

Whether it's addressing issues with global food insecurity, protecting the world's biodiversity, understanding and preventing disease, leading social change and equity or partnering with pioneering industries, La Trobe is making a real difference in health, science and technology.

1. Times Higher Education (THE), 2023, World University Rankings 2024 by subject: clinical and health



TOP 250 UNIVERSITY

We're the top improver among Australia's top 20 universities, rising 74 places to 242 – placing us within the top 1% of universities worldwide.



TOP-RATED NATIONALLY

We're top-rated nationally and rated 'well above world standard' in 23 fields of research.



TOP 20

We're ranked in the top 20 universities worldwide for our research on key diseases and conditions, our support for healthcare professions, and the health of our students and staff.



WORLD STANDARD

We're rated at, above or well above world standard in all our broad research areas.



RESEARCH GROWTH

Between 2016 and 2022, our research output grew by 38%, nearly three times the national average.

La Trobe University, 2022, La Trobe top improver in Global Rankings



NET ZERO

La Trobe's four regional campuses attained Net Zero status in 2023, with Bundoora to follow by 2029 through initiatives like the creation of Victoria's largest urban solar farm.



RESEARCH THEMES



Our researchers work in partnership with community groups, industry and government to create opportunities and address issues of local, national and international importance. We seek to understand the world and the major challenges it faces and to use our research for positive change and impact.

La Trobe's goal is to use our areas of strength to undertake high-quality research. Our strong drive, combined with our breadth of expertise, means that La Trobe researchers are sought after for the understanding and impact that they bring to pressing questions.

OUR RESEARCH IS FOCUSED ON SIX THEMES LINKED TO THE UNITED NATION'S SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



SUSTAINABLE FOOD & AGRICULTURE

The production of high-quality crops, foods and plant-based medicines is critical for food security, health and wellbeing, and the environment.



RESILIENT ENVIRONMENTS & COMMUNITIES

The protection and restoration of ecosystems is critical to combating climate change, pollution, desertification and loss of biodiversity.



UNDERSTANDING & PREVENTING DISEASE

Research underpins our knowledge of disease. Understanding history, sociology, ethics, biology, chemistry, and physics is critical to the management and prevention of disease.



HEALTHY PEOPLE, FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

Promoting physical, mental, and emotional health and wellbeing for all individuals and across all stages of life is key to the creation of inclusive, equitable and prosperous societies.



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY & TRANSFORMATION

Meeting digital disruption head-on by focusing on research, innovation and training in cybersecurity, data analytics and the digital technologies that underpin the knowledge economy.



SOCIAL CHANGE & EQUITY

Social inequality is driven by structural disadvantages such as race and gender, economic systems, climate change and lack of access to basic resources.

BIONTECH TO ESTABLISH mRNA FACILITY AT LA TROBE

La Trobe University will be home to BioNTech's state-of-the-art mRNA clinical-scale manufacturing facility at the University's Melbourne campus in Bundoora. The new facility will use investigational mRNA therapies for serious diseases including cancer.

The BioNTech facility will be complemented by the Victorian Centre for AI in Medical Innovation, funded by the Victorian Government. The Centre will apply La Trobe's world-leading expertise in AI and health to mRNA technology, helping accelerate the development of cancer vaccines and treatments.

The new centre will also be the world's first university research centre to specialise in the application of cutting-edge AI to the Nobel Prize-winning mRNA technology.



HOW TO APPLY

STEP 1: CHOOSE A RESEARCH AREA AND PROGRAM

Finding the right research degree for you depends on your goals, and your educational and professional background.

Find out more: latrobe.edu.au/research/graduate-research/apply/degrees

STEP 2: CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

Each graduate research degree has different entry requirements, please check Course Finder for details relevant to your degree.

In addition to the academic and English language entry requirements, the department or school in which you seek enrolment must be able to provide appropriate facilities, resources and supervision for your chosen area of research.

latrobe.edu.au/courses

STEP 3: FIND A SUPERVISOR

Before you apply for a candidature, you must identify a potential supervisor and receive approval for your research proposal.

1. Check our available scholarships for projects that fit your interests and qualifications. Each project lists a contact person for more information and to obtain in principle approval to apply.
2. Search our database of La Trobe scholars using key words relating to your intended research project.
3. Navigate to the School website in your area of interest and use the resources listed in the Department or Research pages to identify a suitable supervisor or research group.

When you email a potential supervisor, make sure to include the following information:

- your most recent University academic qualification and transcripts
- your research background
- any previous publications
- your intended area of research
- a brief description of your intended research project or proposal.

Available scholarships: latrobe.edu.au/research/graduate-research/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships

Database of La Trobe scholars: scholars.latrobe.edu.au

School website: latrobe.edu.au/schools-departments

STEP 4: LODGE YOUR APPLICATION

Lodge your application via the International Online Application System. You may be prompted to apply through an agent, please contact one of our registered education agents if you would like to do so. If you would like to lodge your application directly to La Trobe University instead, please email us and provide us with the following information and we will guide you with the next steps.

- Your full name
- Country of citizenship
- Course preference
- Proposed principal supervisor

In addition to completing the application form, you will be required to scan and upload all of the following documentation:

- your passport
- your university academic transcripts and completion certificates (originals or certified copies)
- your professional CV (resume) outlining relevant work experience, academic awards, prior research background, etc.
- details of any publications
- a preliminary research proposal of no more than 300 words
- a copy of your Bachelor's or Master's thesis translated into English if it is not written in English
- evidence of your English language proficiency – IELTS (Academic) with an overall band of 6.5 and no individual band less than 6.0 or equivalent.

International Online Application System: student-latrobe.studylink.com

Our registered education agents: latrobe.edu.au/international/contact/agent-finder

Email us: research.studyinternational@latrobe.edu.au

Please note: if you are currently enrolled in an Australian University, you must include a copy of your Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) and Australian visa with your application.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Thinking of applying for a La Trobe University Graduate Research Scholarship? For current opportunities, please refer to our scholarships webpage via the QR code.

A supervisor may already be allocated to a specific scholarship. The closing date and requirements for each scholarship may vary.

Please note: scholarships may not always be available.



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