

This information is intended as a guide for those considering applying for admission to graduate research with the Melbourne School of Engineering at the University of Melbourne for 2017. You will find answers to frequently asked questions, along with information on how Melbourne School of Engineering assess transcripts from local and international institutions.

Before you submit an application, please read this fact sheet to evaluate your chance of being offered admission to our graduate research program and a scholarship.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Successful applicants for admission to research and scholarships with Melbourne School of Engineering will typically provide evidence of:

- strong support from their nominated supervisor
- completing their degree with a ranking in the top 5% of their graduating class
- research potential by having completed a research project as part of the final year of a Bachelor or Masters degree
- a qualification from a University with a well recognised research profile (see below)

WHAT SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE?

- Please visit [Melbourne Scholarships](#) for comprehensive information about scholarship types and eligibility
- Candidates may be able to negotiate a studentship with their supervisor; however, we strongly recommend negotiating the agreement with your supervisor before submitting your application for admission.

HOW WILL MY SCORE BE CALCULATED?

A score is calculated using the FINAL TWO YEARS of relevant study as indicated below:

Bachelor only The penultimate year (usually 3 rd year) score will contribute one-third of the final score and the final year will contribute two-thirds of the final score. Only relevant/ technical subjects are taken into consideration.	Bachelor plus a one-year Masters The final year of the Bachelor will contribute one- third of the final score, and the Masters will contribute two-thirds of the score. Only relevant/ technical subjects are taken into consideration.	Masters by Coursework ≥ 1.5 years of full time study The score will be based on the average of all subjects—often listed on the transcript as a cumulative GPA. This score will only be used if all the subjects are technical, otherwise the results from individual relevant/ technical subjects will be used in the calculation.	Masters by Research If the thesis is ungraded and is $\geq 50\%$ of the entire program, examiners' reports AND an Academic Report for Ungraded Thesis form are required for assessment.
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WHAT IS A COMPETITIVE SCORE FOR ADMISSION AND A SCHOLARSHIP?

These scores are University of Melbourne equivalent scores calculated by Melbourne School of Engineering.

80%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a competitive score for entry, however, it DOES NOT guarantee admission. • This score is usually NOT competitive for a scholarship for international applicants • Indicative score for local applicants from Go8 institutions and University of Auckland considered competitive for an Australian Postgraduate Award.
85%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicative score for local applicants from non-Go8 institutions considered competitive for an Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarships (RTP) • Indicative score for international applicants considered competitive for a Melbourne Research Scholarship (MRS) and Fee Remission Scholarship.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY APPLICATION WILL BE COMPETITIVE?

University of Melbourne equivalent scores are calculated primarily using academic transcripts; however, publications, professional experience and the research profile of your last institution of study are also taken into consideration, and may **marginally** increase your score.

	UoM Equivalent Scores		
	80%	85%	92%
Scores as a % H1 and Pass			
H1 = 70 P = 50	70	75	84
H1 = 70 P = 40	70	76	85
H1 = 80 P = 50	80	85	92
H1 = 85 P = 50	85	89.5	95
H1 = 90 P = 60	90	93.5	97
GPA out of			
20	17	17.7	18.6
10	8.7	9.25	9.9
5	4.34	4.62	4.95
4	3.49	3.7	3.96

- This table contains examples of University of Melbourne (UoM) equivalent scores against common scoring systems from other institutions
- The mark you would generally need to have achieved at your Institution to meet the UoM equivalent is in *italics*.
- Offers for candidature and scholarships are made at the discretion of the Engineering Graduate Research Selection Committee.
- **This table is only a guide. Meeting these scores DOES NOT guarantee you admission or scholarships.**

WHAT IS THE RESEARCH PROFILE OF MY LAST INSTITUTION OF STUDY?

Applicants from well recognised Universities are better placed to be offered admission and awarded a scholarship:

- <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/2017/world-ranking>
- <http://www.shanghairanking.com/FieldENG2016.html>

WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?

Applications for admission that are complete and received by this date	for research to commence at this time	Applicants will be notified about the outcome of allocations by this date
28 February 2017	July-Dec 2017	22 April 2017
31 May 2017	July-Dec 2017	15 July 2017
31 August 2017	Jan-June or July-Dec 2018	6 November 2017
30 September 2017	Jan-June or July-Dec 2018	18 December 2017
31 October 2017	Jan-June or July-Dec 2018	19 February 2018

Applications for admission may be submitted at any time in the year. To be considered for a scholarship, however, you are required to submit your application before one of five scholarship round deadlines.

All applications that are successful for admission will be considered for scholarships automatically and according to the deadline dates.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION?

To avoid delays in the assessment of your application, you **MUST** include all documents listed below:

- a copy of a birth certificate, certificate of citizenship or passport
- a Curriculum Vitae in the required format
- copies of all higher education transcripts, and grading schemes that show **numeric grades**
- examiners' reports AND a copy of the Academic Report for Ungraded Thesis form (if the thesis is ungraded and $\geq 50\%$ of the entire program)
- a 600 word research proposal
- two academic referee reports
- a copy of the email contact with your nominated supervisor showing that they agree to support your application
- Please follow the submission instructions at: <http://www.eng.unimelb.edu.au/study/degrees/phd/apply-now>