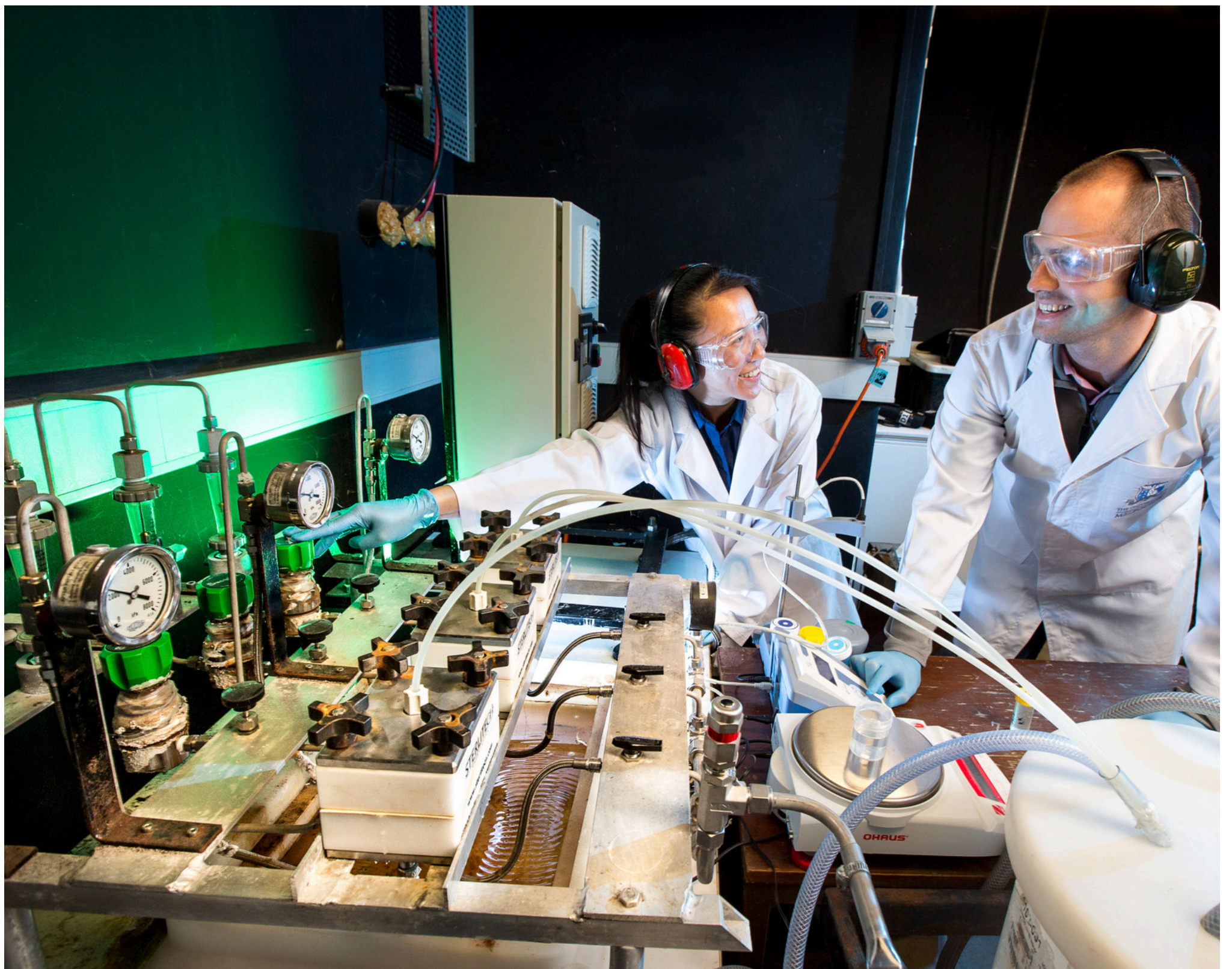




Industry PhD Program

Information for Industry

Connect your business with leading researchers at the University of Melbourne.

Industry PhDs will gain a deep understanding of your business challenges and apply academic rigour to develop innovative solutions towards a new or improved product or service.



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Industry PhD Program Snapshot

The Industry PhD Program supports a dedicated researcher to address your organisation's R&D challenges through applied research.

Programs can be tailored to your needs through three flexible models, with candidates either drawn from our global applicant pool or nominated from your organisation.

Researchers typically work on your project for 3.5 years full-time (or 7–8 years part-time), with flexible arrangements across industry and university settings.

Researchers follow a structured program with regular progress reviews to ensure timely delivery of outcomes. Each researcher is supported by academic supervisors, research teams, and access to specialist facilities and resources.



Why Engage a PhD Researcher?

Gain a competitive edge

Tackle complex challenges and stay ahead of emerging technologies and trends.

Access world-class expertise and facilities

Work with leading academics, research teams, and state-of-the-art equipment.

Build and retain talent

Upskill existing employees or develop a pipeline of high-calibre future hires.

Flexible program options

Three models allow you to align projects, funding, and IP arrangements to your needs.

Co-invest in R&D

Reduce costs through University contributions and potential tax incentives.

Strengthen innovation partnerships

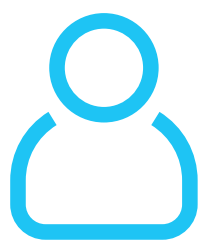
Build lasting collaborations with academic and industry experts.



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PhD Program Models & Industry Costs

Industry contributions vary by program model and whether the candidate is recruited by FEIT or nominated from within your organisation.



Industry-led

When you have a specific problem to **solve**.

FEIT co-creates a research project for a PhD researcher to address the specific problem.

Industry Owns IP

A PhD researcher is typically **immersed in the business for extended periods** with plentiful exchange of information through regular meetings.

\$80k per year + project expenses*



Industry-sponsored

When you want to **explore** a research area.

FEIT co-creates an exploratory project for a PhD researcher to deliver a solution within that field.

University Owns IP

Some hosting of the PhD researcher, particularly during early stages, and exchange of information through regular meetings.

\$50k per year + project expenses*



Industry-employed

When you want to **upskill** an existing employee interested in researching a specific industry problem.

FEIT provides a suitable supervisor aligned to the project.

Industry Owns IP

PhD researcher remains an employee and immersed in the business with a focus on the industry R&D of their project.

Salary + \$10k per year + project expenses*

* Project expenses include consumables, minor equipment, maintenance and travel. Costs for each model outlined above are indicative, as funding arrangements will be tailored to project and researcher needs.

University Cost Contribution

The University contributes approximately \$45k - \$60k per year towards the cost of a PhD Researcher (covering tuition, insurance, and IT support).

How it Works

Define

Identify a specific or broad challenge that your organisation wants solved, and we will help you shape a PhD research project and choose the program model that best fits your needs, including consideration of project scope, IP and funding options.

Select

We will identify suitable academic experts within FEIT and advertise your project to identify skilled PhD candidates for you to select, or we can enrol your employee after ensuring they meet the minimum entry requirements for a PhD degree at the University of Melbourne.

Formalise

We will prepare a formal agreement to articulate the scope, timeline, and expectations.

Commence

PhD Researcher commences work on-site, remotely, or in a hybrid mode with industry and academic mentors.

Start a Conversation

Contact us to explore how an Industry PhD can support your organisation's R&D priorities:

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