

## Q&A of the SEU-Monash Joint PhD Program

### 1. **What is the program?**

SEU-Monash Joint PhD Program has been officially approved by the Ministry of Education of China (referred to as MoE hereafter) and jointly established by Monash University (referred to as Monash hereafter) and Southeast University (referred to as SEU hereafter). Students need to meet the admission requirements of both universities, jointly supervised by supervisors from both universities. Finally, students must meet the graduation requirements of both universities, and then obtain the PhD degree certificate from SEU and Monash, while the SEU-Monash partnership is recognised.

### 2. **When can I make an application?**

In principle, any PhD students enrolled in related programs at Southeast University can apply. However, candidates should complete their Monash University enrolments within 2 years of their enrolments at SEU.

### 3. **Does Monash have a requirement of course duration for graduation? SEU requires four years of study before graduation. How about Monash?**

There is no requirement in terms of the duration of PhD study at Monash. However, the PhD scholarship will be offered only for 3.5 years. No further scholarship will be offered by the University after 3.5 years if one cannot finish and submit his/her thesis within 3.5 years. However, one may continue his/her PhD study self-funded or sponsored by financial sources other than the University.

### 4. **Regarding fees, are there any tuition fees, course fees, etc. need to be paid?**

All students who can successfully apply for the SEU-Monash Joint PhD Program will receive the Monash University tuition fee waiver scholarship. For stipends, students can apply for CSC scholarship, or be supported by supervisors' project funding or any specific university program funding.

5. **If I am successfully enrolled in this program, can I attend Monash's online courses at the Nanjing campus to obtain the credits? Or do I have to physically go to the Suzhou campus to attend the classes?**

Monash University recognizes courses and credits that students have obtained at SEU. Monash has no course requirements for students who are enrolled in this program. However, students have the option to enroll in any relevant Monash courses for free if it is helpful to their research projects according to their requirements. Students in this program not compulsorily required to attend physical classes at Monash Suzhou campus.

6. **Are all Monash supervisors well aware of this program? Do I need to introduce this program to my Monash supervisor during my application? What Monash supervisors need to do to support my application? What is the procedure?**

All supervisors at the Monash Suzhou campus are well aware of this program. If the applicants want to approach any supervisors at the Monash Clayton campus, they will need to deal with this case by case. Monash supervisors will need to review the student's CV and confirm whether or not to accept the applicants.

Details information can be seen on the following websites:

[https://www.monash.edu/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/2524441/PhD-Application-Steps-04032021-MGRO.pdf](https://www.monash.edu/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/2524441/PhD-Application-Steps-04032021-MGRO.pdf);and

[https://www.monash.edu/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/2525969/Monash-SEU-Joint-PhD-program-Guideline-12032021.pdf](https://www.monash.edu/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/2525969/Monash-SEU-Joint-PhD-program-Guideline-12032021.pdf) ).

Suzhou campus can offer help during the application process if necessary.

7. **Can the degree certificate issued by this program be authenticated by the Ministry of Education of China?**

The SEU-Monash Joint PhD program has been previously officially approved by the MoE and registered in their systems. It should be deemed by default to have been certified by the MoE.

**8. Can I still apply for other joint programs after I am enrolled in the SEU-Monash Joint PhD Program?**

Yes. However, once you have been enrolled in this program, the approval of your supervisors from both universities will be needed for you to apply for any other joint PhD programs.

**9. Other Matters**

If there are any further queries, please refer to the following link (anyway, the website's information shall prevail):

<https://www.monash.edu/suzhou/study-at-suzhou/phd-programs>, and will be subject to the url information;

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