Faculty of Science, Agriculture, Business and Law

University of New England

# Expression of Interest for Higher Degree Research Students

The Faculty of Science, Agriculture, Business and Law offers supervised research degrees across the range of Schools. These are outlined in the below table. Our research degrees are in high demand, therefore, we have a limited number of places available for research students each year.

Please complete this form in full to allow us to assess your eligibility and identify potential supervisors when appropriate. Incomplete forms will not be considered. Should you be shortlisted you will be invited to submit a full application and asked to present evidence of your qualifications and skills as part of this.

| DISCIPLINES OFFERED | DEGREES OFFERED |
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| **Business School** | |
| • Management & Marketing<br>• Economics<br>• Accounting and Finance | • Master of Philosophy (MPhil)<br>• Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) |
| **School of Environmental and Rural Science** | |
| • Agriculture & Soil Science<br>• Animal Science<br>• Botany<br>• Earth Science<br>• Ecosystem Management<br>• Environmental<br>• Engineering<br>• Zoology | • Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)<br>• Master of Environmental Science (MEnvSc (Res))<br>• Master of Rural Science (MRurSc) |
| **School of Law** | |
| • Law | • Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)<br>• Master of Laws (Research) (LLM) |
| **School of Science and Technology** | |
| • Biomedical Science<br>• Chemistry<br>• Computational Science<br>• Exercise & Sports Science<br>• Mathematics<br>• Physics & Electronics<br>• Statistics | • Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)<br>• Master of Science (MSc) |

# School of Law
# Expression of Interest Form

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**Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)** ☐

**Entry Requirements**

(a) has a degree of Master (AQF Level 9) with at least 25% research component undertaken at a sufficiently high standard; or

(b) has a degree of Bachelor with at least upper second class honours (AQF Level 8); or

(c) has a degree at AQF Level 8 or AQF Level 9 and have adequate research preparation since graduation. Adequate research preparation may be gained by an approved academic course, professional training, during an occupation or through peer reviewed publications; or

(d) has previously undertaken work of sufficiently high standard towards a higher degree by research (AQF Level 9) in the University but not have submitted it for any degree; and

(e) has produced documented evidence of capacity to undertake work at the PhD level; and

(f) has completed and had approved by the Committee a PhD research proposal.

Master of Laws (Research) (LLM) ☐

**Entry Requirements**

(a) hold a degree of Bachelor with at least second class honours (AQF Level 8) or (AQF Level 9 Masters or AQF Level 10, in Law); or

hold a degree at AQF Level 7 or AQF Level 9 Masters in law leading to admission to legal practice and the equivalent of at least two years full-time, documented, relevant professional experience.

**Relevance of the previous degree(s):** The completed degree(s) must be in an area that is relevant to the intended PhD, such that the applicant will have an understanding of the body of knowledge relevant to the intended PhD.

**Evidence of research ability:** Normally based on theses and/or publications prepared as part of previous degrees.

**Currency of applicant's knowledge of the discipline:** The applicant's degree(s) and/or professional experience must demonstrate that their knowledge of the relevant discipline is current.

**Level of commitment:** Based on the information presented in this form, complemented by communication with potential supervisors via email or telephone.

**English language skills**: All applicants must meet the University's *English Language Requirements Higher than the University Minimum Requirement Annex* which includes an overall IELTS score of 7.0, and a minimum result of 7.0 in writing.

**Completing this form does not guarantee you admission to the Faculty as a research student**. Once it has been determined that the applicant has met the relevant UNE entry requirements, they will be advised to contact potential supervisors in the School of Law to discuss their proposal. Applicants will then be invited to submit a full Higher Degree Research application through myUNE, including a more detailed research proposal and referee reports. Admission to Candidature will only be approved once the School of Law has assessed the research proposal as suitable for a higher degree by research; the Faculty has certified that the necessary facilities and appropriate support for the applicant undertaking the proposed program are available; and an appropriate Principal Supervisor and Co-supervisor(s) have been appointed. **Please note that if there are no supervisors with sufficient availability or expertise in the proposed topic area, the applicant will not be invited to proceed with a full HDR application**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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| Full Name: | |
| Email Address: | |
| Nationality: | |
| UNE Student ID (if applicable): | |

**Please select your area(s) of interest:**

- ☐ Administrative Law
- ☐ Agricultural Law
- ☐ Civil Procedure
- ☐ Communications Law
- ☐ Comparative Law
- ☐ Competition Law
- ☐ Contract Law
- ☐ Constitutional Law
- ☐ Corporations Law
- ☐ Criminal Law and Procedure
- ☐ Dispute Resolution
- ☐ Equity
- ☐ Environmental Law
- ☐ Estate Law
- ☐ Family Law
- ☐ Human Rights Law
- ☐ Intellectual Property
- ☐ International Criminal Law
- ☐ International Environmental Law
- ☐ International Humanitarian Law
- ☐ Law and Indigenous Peoples
- ☐ Law and Technology
- ☐ Law of the Sea
- ☐ Legal Ethics
- ☐ Legal History
- ☐ Legal Theory
- ☐ Medical Law
- ☐ National Security Law
- ☐ Private International Law
- ☐ Property Law
- ☐ Public International Law
- ☐ Tax Law
- ☐ Tort Law
- ☐ Trade and Investment Law
- ☐ Other (please specify):

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| Intended Enrolment | ☐ Part time<br>☐ Full time |
| Intended Enrolment | ☐ Internal (based on campus in Armidale)<br>☐ External (based elsewhere) |
| Australian/International | ☐ Domestic applicant<br>☐ International applicant |
| Funding | ☐ I am planning to apply for a scholarship<br>☐ I have a scholarship available<br>☐ I have other sources of funding |
| Specify name of scholarship or other source of funding: | |
| If you are a candidate from a non- English speaking background, please supply either your IELTS or TOEFL score | |
| If I am not eligible for a PhD I would like to be considered for: | ☐ Master of Laws by Research<br>☐ Master of Laws by Coursework |
| If I am not eligible for a Master of Laws (Research) I would like to be considered for: | ☐ Master of Laws by Coursework |

**1. PROPOSED THESIS TITLE/TOPIC**

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**2. RESEARCH PROJECT SUMMARY (100 words maximum)**

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**3. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS**

List all your degrees, beginning with the most recent:

| Name of Degree | Name of Institution and Country | Research component percentage | Length of Program (full-time basis) | Completion Date (month/ year) | Overall Degree Grade or Grade Point Average |
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**4. RESEARCH AND/OR RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Please provide the following information for each company or institution.

| Company/institution name | Start and end dates | Average hours per week | A brief description of your role (50 words maximum) |
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## 5. RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

List any publications relevant to your proposed degree (maximum of 10):

| Publication (most recent first). | Full citation | Indicate your percentage contribution |
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## 6. GRADUATE AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Please provide details for all awards/scholarships received within the last 5 years:

| Name of award | Institution from which the award was granted | Annual monetary value | Start and end dates (month/year) | Briefly describe the research or study the award is supporting |
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## 7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (100 words maximum)

Include other information you consider relevant, this could include the reasons you wish to enrol in a HDR with us.

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