

PhD Candidate Nomination Form

Victoria Latin America Doctoral Scholarships

Purpose of this form

This form is for PhD candidates from Latin America to complete if their university is intending to nominate them for a 2016 **Victoria Latin America Doctoral Scholarship**.

Background to the Victoria Latin America Doctoral Scholarship

The **Victoria Latin America Doctoral Scholarship** is being offered in a partnership between the Victorian Government and the State's universities. The scholarships will help to build strong research links between Victoria and countries across the Latin America region.

Victoria's universities have collaborative research links with many international institutions and industry. A research qualification from a Victorian university is highly regarded internationally and creates a strong foundation for future career options.

Scholarship value

The **Victoria Latin America Doctoral Scholarship** program will award up to four scholarships in the 2016 intake. The \$90,000 scholarship will be awarded to successful candidates over three years, with a State contribution of \$15,000 per annum, a minimum contribution from the host university of \$15,000 per annum and a full fee waiver to each scholarship recipient.

Instructions

Please contact your university's research office before completing this nomination form.

Once completed, return this form to the university research office, who will forward it to the Victoria Latin America Doctoral Scholarship selection committee along with the university's endorsement for your nomination.

Checklist

Please ensure that the following information is attached to this form before providing to your university. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

- ☐ Your Curriculum Vitae (2 pages maximum), including
 - Postgraduate research experience
 - Employment history
 - Scholarly publications
 - Summary of significant scientific and community achievements, awards, and administrative, teaching, research, community and/or other professional experience
- ☐ A copy of the photo page of your passport
- ☐ Your research proposal (2 pages maximum)

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Victoria Latin America Doctoral Scholarship eligibility and selection criteria

The Selection Committee will consider the following eligibility and selection criteria when awarding the scholarships. They are reproduced below for reference in completing the nomination form.

Eligibility criteria
Applicants must
1. Not be a citizen or Permanent Resident of Australia.
2. Be a citizen of a Latin American country – which includes all of South America, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.
3. Be accepted into a doctoral program at a participating Victorian university to commence in 2016.
4. Have a record of high-level academic achievement in the chosen field of study, as determined by the nominating university.
5. Be intending to complete the majority of doctoral work in Victoria.
6. Not hold a qualification regarded to be equivalent to an Australian research doctorate.
7. Be willing to be an ambassador for the Victoria Latin America Doctoral Scholarship Program.

Selection criteria	Weighting
Does the country of origin of the doctorate student align with the university's objectives in building international linkages (i.e. research, academic linkages, importance of the country of origin to the university in international promotions, or other factors)?	5
Does the research proposal align with the university's research strengths, with reference to the quality of the research group and proposed supervision?	4
Is the research in one of Victoria and Latin America's shared common challenges, such as food security, water management, health, education and urban and regional development? (Note, these categories can be broadened to consider scholars in other disciplines that are key research strengths of the individual university.)	3
Likely impact of the nominee's research program, if successful?	3

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Privacy/Confidentiality statement

You are submitting your personal information to the Victorian Government Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR) so that it can assess your application. This is the only purpose for which DEDJTR will use your personal information. DEDJTR will not use or disclose your personal information for any other reason without your consent or unless it is required by law, for law enforcement purposes or to prevent a threat to health or safety. All of your personal information will be managed consistently with the *Information Privacy Act 2000*.

Nominee details

Title:	Family name	Given name(s)	Nationality

Current country of residence _____

Do you hold a qualification regarded to be equivalent to an Australian research doctorate?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes you are not eligible for the Victoria Latin America Doctoral Scholarship

Do you intend to complete the majority of your doctoral work in Victoria?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If No you are not eligible for the Victoria Latin America Doctoral Scholarship

Are you willing to be an ambassador* for the Victoria Latin America Doctoral Scholarship Program?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

**This involves providing a small amount of time throughout the course of your doctorate program to participate in activities such as attending awards presentations, providing updates on your research that can be used in promoting the program, participating in interviews including media interviews for your home country or in Australia and presenting your research to a non-academic audience.*

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Describe your overall career aspirations (half page maximum). In particular, outline how you became motivated/interested in your research area, what motivates you to complete your research and your future career plans.

Simplified PhD Title:

Please avoid the use of technical terms where possible. A non-academic audience should be able to understand your PhD Title.

PhD Synopsis (half page maximum):

Please avoid the use of technical terms where possible. A non-academic audience should be able to understand your PhD Synopsis.

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Please attach your Research Proposal (two pages maximum). The selection committee will be interested in details of the:

- Research problem being addressed
- Recent research undertaken in the relevant area
- Significance of the research topic
- Overall aims of the research and expected outcomes
- Research approach/methodology
- Plan for completion with significant milestones

What would you estimate the impact of your research to be, if successful (half page maximum)? Consideration should be given to the impact in the particular research field, as well as your home country and/or Victoria.

Please complete the checklist on page 1 and ensure the page limit of each section is not exceeded before submitting to your university.