

Graduate Research Admission Policy

Schedule C – Discipline Specific Application Requirements for Candidature in the La Trobe Law School

Section 1 – Background and Purpose

- 1) This document sets out La Trobe Law School's interpretation of relevant policies and discipline specific approach when considering applications for higher degree research degrees in law.

Section 2 – Entry requirements

- 2) Academic entry requirements for PhD and Masters by research are set out in La Trobe University Graduate Admission Policy. The following provides discipline specific guidelines for the interpretation of clauses 14 and 15 for PhD, and clause 18 for Masters by research, in the La Trobe Law School.
- 3) An applicant with a Masters by research, Bachelor (Honours) or Masters by coursework degree with a research component may be eligible for direct entry to the PhD provided their research proposal demonstrates sufficient knowledge and understanding of the proposed research area, articulates a relevant and feasible research project, is aligned to the School's strategic research interests, and the School has capacity to supervise the proposed research, and
 - a. their qualifying degree includes a substantial research project of approx. 10,000 words in the form of an honours thesis, minor thesis at masters level or other research report that demonstrates capacity to undertake research at doctoral standard; OR
 - b. their qualifying degree includes a written research component comprising of at least 3/8 of one year of their qualifying degree assessed at a La Trobe Masters by research standard of 70 or above; OR
 - c. they are the lead author of a peer-reviewed publication or other research published within the last ten years assessed at a La Trobe Masters by research standard of 70 or above.
- 4) An applicant with a Bachelor (Honours) or Masters by coursework may be eligible for direct entry to the Master of Laws (Research) provided their research proposal demonstrates sufficient knowledge and understanding in the proposed research area, articulates a relevant and feasible research project, is aligned with the School's strategic research interests, and the School has capacity to supervise the proposed research, and
 - a. their qualifying degree included a research project at honours level or above, or other research publication that demonstrates research capacity; AND
 - b. their qualifying degree was in a relevant discipline and was completed with a weighted average mark of 65% or 70 in their final year.