



**UNAND-DEAKIN HDR/Ph.D Pre-Departure  
Centre:  
English, Academic and Research Programs**



This program was established through the collaborative efforts of Deakin University of Australia and Universitas Andalas (UNAND) of Indonesia to support aspiring HDR/Ph.D. candidates within both public and private universities in Sumatra.

## **Centre Overview**

The formation of a *Pre-Departure Centre* at Universitas Andalas (UNAND) is an important strategic initiative in building a strong collaboration between public and private universities on the island of Sumatra and Deakin University. The collaborations forged through the formation of this Centre present academics in this region with strategic opportunities to access scholarships for S3 study. A central feature of this Centre is its intended reach.

This Centre will provide English language, academic and research training to prepare university staff members from universities on the island of Sumatra. A comparable Centre is already in operation to serve the 22 member Consortium of Eastern Indonesia Public Universities.

The Pre-Departure Centre at Unand will operate as a hub through which to nurture a wide range of activities related to the enhancement of *English, Academic and Research* knowledge and practice across member Universities. Giving priority to public universities on the island of Sumatra, the Centre seeks to become an important conduit through which international collaboration can be nurtured. The focus here will be on research collaboration, High Degree by Research (HDR) or Ph.D recruitment, and teaching/training activities that involve Indonesian partner universities and will be coordinated through the Centre. To support wide collaboration, the Centre will maintain regular contact with all participating institutions, as well as key external bodies such as DIKTI and local governments.

A key feature of the Centre will be the provision of a 10 week pre-departure program for candidates aspiring to undertake doctoral/S3 programs at Deakin University. The pre-departure program comprises intensive English, Academic, Research and Cultural preparation for entry into these programs. A central feature of the pre-departure program is its commitment to support participants to refine their research proposals so that they can be aligned to appropriate areas of supervision at Deakin University. Successful completion of the program will result in an *Unconditional Letter of Offer* from Deakin University, assuming all entrance requirements are fulfilled.

To facilitate the running of the pre-departure programs, regular English language testing, intensive courses, academic and research training and workshops, and other pre-departure sessions will be offered by Deakin University at the Centre. These dates and opportunities will be communicated with all partner Universities.

## **Pre-departure Program Overview**

The 10 week pre-departure programs will run through each Centre on two occasions each year. ***Program One will begin in mid February*** while ***Program Two will begin in mid July***. Through these pre-departure Centres, Deakin will undertake coordinate, support, and implement a range of activities within the following three categories:

### ***English:***

- Assessment of the language proficiency of staff in partner universities who are interested in entering the doctoral program at Deakin.
- The development/provision of appropriate training programs/courses to enable staff to achieve the English language requirements for entry into a doctoral program at Deakin.
- Testing of English Language proficiency for entry into Deakin's doctoral programs.
- English language induction for candidates who travel to Deakin to undertake doctoral studies.
- Provision of a statement/testament of English language achievement to facilitate the generation of a 'Letter of (Unconditional) Offer'

### ***Academic:***

- Review research proposals before they are submitted to Deakin for consideration.
- Link candidates with appropriate Faculty and supervisors and ensure they are fully aware of the requirements for entry into particular programs.
- Provide cultural awareness training associated with academic expectations, and living in Melbourne/Geelong.

### ***Research:***

- Provide assistance in academic writing and the preparation of research proposals.

- Provide assistance in the development of academic skills associated with critical scholarship, reviewing literature, and accessing literature.

## **Program Format**

The pre-departure program is a 10 week intensive course involving English, Academic and Research preparation. A central feature of this the program is its commitment to support participants to refine their Doctoral proposals so that they can be aligned to appropriate areas of supervision at Deakin University. During the course of the program connections will be facilitated between applicants and potential Doctoral supervisors.

At the successful completion of the 10 week pre-departure program candidates who achieve the entry level standard of their designated Doctoral program at Deakin University will be given an Unconditional Letter of Offer to apply for a DIKTI scholarship.

An English language pre-test will be administered prior to the start of the 10 week program. Since the program can reasonably be expected to improve the English competence of participants to an equivalent of 0.5 of an IELTS band, the test is intended to select participants who already have a level of English competence that is close to that required to enroll at Deakin. The participants will also be asked to fill out an Expression of Interest (EoI) form that provides Deakin with information necessary to make decisions on the appropriateness of participants to take part in the program.

### **The structure of the 10 week program is as follows.**

#### ***Week 1-2 English Language Intensive (In Country) (10 days)***

During this time participants will set a personal program for advancement. This intensive period will lay the foundation for ongoing English language training that will be delivered during the 10 week program.

Staff members from Deakin University English Language Institute (DUELI) will take part in the delivery of the intensive course. They will return to Melbourne at the end of the first two weeks of the program, and participants will continue with their language study under the supervision

of DUELI staff from Melbourne through use of technology. Before returning to Deakin, the DUELI staff will provide participants and pre-departure center staff with necessary materials and instructions.

**Weeks 3–5** *Developing Academic Study Skills (self-paced)*

*Engaging with research literature*

*Writing a literature review*

*Writing research questions*

During this phase of the program participants will be guided through a series of on-line activities aimed at developing their academic study skills. In addition, participants will continue their language study with supervision from DUELI staff through online interaction.

**Week 6** *Academic writing workshop (In Country) (5 days)*

*Writing a research abstract*

*Constructing a research argument*

*Preparing a research proposal*

*Understanding HDR processes at Deakin*

*Academic culture at Deakin*

During this phase of the program participants will take part in a series of activities and presentations aimed at building academic writing knowledge and skills. Academic staff from Deakin will present this portion of the program in Indonesia.

**Week 7- 9** *Continuation of English language study (self-paced)*

*Preparing for candidature at Deakin*

*Understanding the doctoral process*

Participants are expected to continue with their language study with online supervision from DUELI.

**Week 10** *English Language Intensive and Testing (In Country) (5 days)*

*Pre-testing for the next cohort*

The goal of this phase involves application to Deakin for a place in a PhD following successful achievement of the required English score. In addition,

a pre-test for the next cohort will be administered during this period. Staff from Deakin will conduct testing in Indonesia for the completing cohort as well as potential future applicants.

## Program Entry

Intake to any one program is limited to 20 participants. Successful applicants will be based on three key criteria:

1. Those that are at or near (within 0.5) of the entry English Language requirement of the program they are seeking entry to.
2. Appropriate research training in pathway programs (Masters/Honours). Generally, the successful completion of an Indonesian S2 program is acceptable.
3. Deakin's ability to offer supervision in the proposed field of inquiry. *Expression of Interest* forms will be used to assess this.

Interested participants whose English language score does not meet the program criteria may want to take a suitable language course at Andalas University to reach this required level. For more information about these courses please contact:

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## English Language Proficiency

English language entry requirements for entry into Doctoral programs vary at Deakin according to Discipline. These details are contained in The Guide. There are five bands as contained in the table below:

BAND A	6/6	overall 6.0, no band less than 6.0
BAND B	6.5/6	overall 6.5, no band less than 6.0
BAND C	7/6.5	overall 7.0, no band less than 6.5
BAND D	7/7	overall 7.0, no band less than 7.0
BAND E	7/7/7.5	overall 7.0, no band less than 7.0, speaking and listening 7.5

The band level required to enter a Higher Degree by Research depends on the Faculty. Faculty requirements are:

FACULTY	IELTS	TOEFL (PBT) <sup>1</sup>	TOEFL (IBT) <sup>2</sup>	OTHER
Faculty of Arts and Education	Band C	600 Writing 5	94 Writing 24	N/A
Faculty of Business and Law	Band C	600 Writing 5	94 Writing 24	N/A
Faculty of Health	Band C	600 Writing 5	94 Writing 24	N/A
Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment	Band B	577 Writing 4.5	79 Writing 21	Satisfactory completion of at least two academic years of full-time study in a university degree program where English is the language of instruction and assessment for the whole university may be considered

All of the English language training and testing associated with this program is carried out by Deakin University English Language Institute (DUELI). The DUELI test has been robustly bench-marked to offer IELTS equivalency. DUELI test results are a recognized pathway to Deakin courses.

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<sup>1</sup> Test of English as a Foreign Language (paper based test)

<sup>2</sup> Test of English as a Foreign Language (internet based test)

## **Program Costs**

There is no direct program cost to participants for the DUELI course. English language materials for the course will also be provided by DUELI at no charge.

Participants are responsible for all personal costs, including travel, meals and accommodation during their stay in Padang. Participants may stay at the Andalas University Guest House on the campus or at a hotel (please contact Pusat Bahasa Universitas Andalas for information or help with hotel bookings).

The Rector of Andalas University will formally write a letter to the Rectors of public and private universities that may be interested in sending their staff to participate in the program. However, it is important that applicants discuss their participation in the program with their home University to ensure that they have full support to attend all components of the program. Failure to participate in any or all components will likely result in ‘unsatisfactory completion’. **Only those who successfully complete all components of the program can be considered for an unconditional letter of offer and be invited to undertake study at Deakin University.**

## **Contact Person**

Further information about the Unand-Deakin HDR/Ph.D Pre-Departure Center:

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