

Collaborative Research Training Agreement CRTA

RMIT–Sri Lanka Cotutelle Joint PhD Program Guide

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1. RMIT–Sri Lanka Cotutelle Joint PhD Program

1.1. PhD Duration

The standard Cotutelle Joint PhD duration is 3.5 years, including a 6-month extension. This timeframe is divided into two segments, with the candidate spending 2.5 years at Sri Lanka (offshore), and 1 year at RMIT in Melbourne (onshore).

Candidates commence their PhD offshore at the partner university in Sri Lanka. They will relocate to Melbourne at any point in time once they have achieved their Confirmation of Candidature (end of first year), and when they have completed 18 months of candidature.

Candidates spend a maximum of 12 months at RMIT before returning to their home institution in Sri Lanka to complete the program.

1.2. PhD Project Establishment Process

- a) Project initiation and student registration can occur at any time of the year.
- b) A project can be proposed by either the Sri Lankan university or the RMIT University senior supervisor. Depending on the proposing party, supervision from the other university will be matched to the project through the respective university coordinator, in accordance with specific university guidelines.
- c) During the proposal stage, the preliminary project scope needs to be presented. Importantly, the 2.5-year offshore project funding should be finalised at this stage, including the PhD stipend and research costs for the period the student spends in Sri Lanka.
- d) For the 2.5 years in Sri Lanka (offshore), the Sri Lankan university project team will secure the PhD stipend and research costs. This includes the standard offshore monthly living stipend for up to 2.5 years and the preliminary research costs. However, if additional research costs are required during this period (beyond preliminary research costs), these should be discussed in advance, and a clear funding arrangement should be made.
- e) This 2.5-year offshore funding can be secured through one or more of the following options:
 - ✓ Research funding from the host university in Sri Lanka
 - ✓ Industry sponsorship in Sri Lanka
 - ✓ Competitive research funding available in Sri Lanka (e.g., NSF, NRC etc.)
 - ✓ Any other funding opportunities available in Sri Lanka

- f) For the 1-year onshore period in Melbourne (maximum period), RMIT University will provide a living stipend scholarship at the onshore PhD rate. RMIT will also provide:
- ✓ A full tuition fee waiver for up to 4 years of PhD enrolment
 - ✓ A return airfare for the student to join RMIT's Melbourne campus
- g) Once the preliminary project scope and 2.5-year offshore funding arrangement are finalised, the relevant documents noted below will be forwarded to RMIT through Sri Lankan University coordinator.
- ✓ The one-page project synopsis including Sri Lankan University supervisory details (i.e. Senior supervisor and Associate supervisor)
 - ✓ 2.5-year offshore funding confirmation via a letter of support or an email from the funding body, clearly indicating the total amount to be funded, including all necessary funding arrangements.
- h) The RMIT coordinator will then submit the required documents to the university for approval to establish a Cotutelle Joint PhD project between the two universities, followed by the identification of the RMIT senior supervisor and associate supervisor. RMIT supervisory details will be notified to the Sri Lankan University coordinator.
- i) Note that each university should appoint two project supervisors, resulting in a maximum of four supervisors for a Cotutelle Joint PhD project.
- j) The RMIT-Sri Lanka approved project will be advertised openly in Sri Lanka to attract suitable candidates. This ensures equal opportunity and transparency in the student selection process. This advertising process will be conducted by the Sri Lankan University coordinator, who will also share the advertisement details with RMIT.

1.3. Candidate Selection Process

- a) Independent interview process will be conducted by each university in accordance with their respective procedures.
- b) The Sri Lankan University will manage the initial student selection process. Applications will be reviewed and shortlisted for preliminary interviews in Sri Lanka, after which three candidates will be identified and ranked.
- c) Details of the three shortlisted candidates, including their ranking, CVs, academic transcripts, and publications, will be sent to RMIT University for scheduling the final interview.

- d) RMIT will interview the three candidates and provide its ranking. If there are discrepancies between the initial interview outcomes, the supervisory teams from both universities will meet to discuss and finalise the candidate selection. If required, a second joint interview may be arranged for specific candidate(s).
- e) Details of the selected candidate will be notified to the Sri Lankan University coordinator, who will then communicate the interview outcomes to all three candidates.
- f) The selected candidate for the RMIT–Sri Lanka Cotutelle Joint PhD Program, after completing interviews at both universities, must meet the RMIT University English language requirement within the timeframe agreed upon during the interview.
- g) Note that selection to this program will not be finalised until the English language test certificate is presented, and the Candidate will not be eligible to register at RMIT and in Sri Lanka.

1.4. PhD Registration Process

- a) The PhD registration process will be conducted independently by each university in accordance with their respective regulations and procedures.
- b) Candidates may initiate the registration processes at both the Sri Lankan and RMIT University in parallel. The Sri Lankan University coordinator will also assist the candidate in liaising with RMIT regarding their registration process.
- c) Note that the Sri Lankan University Senior Supervisor will be the primary contact responsible for administering the PhD registration process in Sri Lanka. Similarly, the RMIT Senior Supervisor will be the primary contact responsible for administering the registration process at RMIT University. Therefore, candidates should communicate directly and work with the respective Senior Supervisor at each university to complete the PhD registration process.
- d) At Sri Lankan University, candidates are required to register as a PhD candidate through the Faculty of Graduate Studies or another nominated entity and subsequently sign the Cotutelle Project Agreement.
- e) The Cotutelle Agreement, duly signed by Sri Lanka, will be forwarded to RMIT through the Sri Lankan University Coordinator only.
- f) RMIT University follows a two-stage registration process. The overall RMIT registration process may take up to six months:
 - ✓ Submission of an Expression of Interest (EOI) – Stage 1
 - ✓ Submission of the Final Stage 2 application upon EOI approval

- g) The student needs to meet the mandatory English language requirement prior to the registration at both Sri Lankan and RMIT University, and the valid English language certificate should submit at the registration of the PhD at RMIT University.
- h) Applicants who possess only a bachelor's degree must have obtained at least a Second Class Honours Upper Division to be eligible for the program. Applicants with a relevant Research Master's degree may be considered with a Second Class Lower Division at the bachelor's level.
- i) Please refer to the "2. Streamlined PhD Registration Process" in Page 8 for the detailed procedure.

1.5. Official PhD Commencement

- a) After the candidate completes the PhD registration and receives the offer letters from both universities, the student will officially commence the PhD project. From this stage, the student will receive a monthly living stipend based on the offshore/onshore rate.
- b) The student will officially communicate with the full project supervisory team and arrange the project commencement meeting.
- c) It is recommended that the full project team meets with the student at least on a fortnightly basis. However, project meetings can be scheduled more frequently depending on requirements.
- d) After the project commencement, the student should discuss project-related administrative matters directly with the respective senior supervisor of each university.
- e) The student will complete the independent PhD evaluation milestones and course modules set by each university in accordance with their respective PhD requirements.
- f) Note that from the official PhD project commencement, the Sri Lankan University Senior Supervisor will be the primary contact for administering the project in Sri Lanka and similarly, RMIT Senior Supervisor will be the primary contact for administering the project in RMIT University, including arrangements for examinations.

1.6. PhD Completion and Thesis Submission

- a) The independent PhD completion process will be conducted by each university in accordance with their respective procedures. The student must complete the requirements of both universities to obtain the PhD degree.

- b) Each university will independently issue the PhD certificate; however, it will include the statement: *"This degree was supervised and examined under a Joint PhD agreement between the [Sri Lankan University name] and RMIT University"*.
- c) The Sri Lankan University project senior supervisor will administer the Sri Lanka PhD completion and thesis submission process according to the Sri Lankan university guidelines.
- d) The RMIT project senior supervisor will administer the RMIT PhD completion and thesis submission process. The typical PhD completion process at RMIT is as follows:
 - ✓ Attending the PhD completion seminar
 - ✓ Thesis submission to Two independent examiners
- e) In accordance with RMIT's PhD Submission and Examination Procedure, two external examiners must be nominated and approved at least four months prior to the expected thesis submission date. Where appropriate, these examiners may be used by both institutions as part of the oral defence or viva panel.
- f) A single thesis will be submitted for examination by both universities. However, when submitting the final archival copy, the candidate must comply with the formatting requirements of each university.

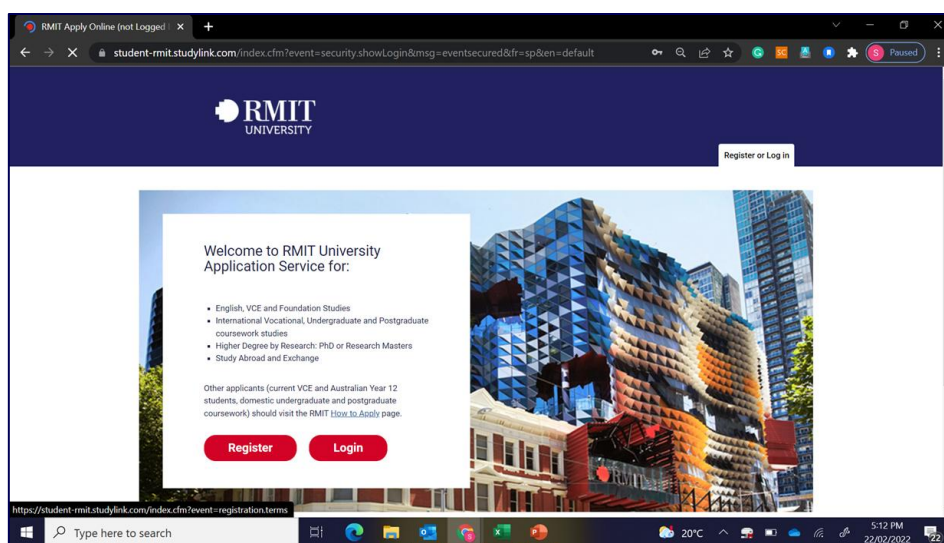
2. Streamlined PhD Registration Process

- A. Applicant may submit applications to Sri Lankan University and RMIT University simultaneously. RMIT follows a two-stage PhD registration process, while the Sri Lankan university conducts a direct PhD admission process.
- B. The applicant will submit an Expression of Interest (Eoi) Stage 1 application to RMIT University while working directly with the RMIT Senior Project Supervisor. Refer to Page 9, which provides primary guidance for this submission; however, the RMIT Senior Project Supervisor will be the main point of contact who will provide all necessary details relevant to the Stage 1 application.
- C. After submitting the Eoi Application, the Applicant should email the Studylink application ID and provide full name to the School of Graduate Research in RMIT University at sgr.partnerships@rmit.edu.au and stem.sgr.admissions.scholarships@rmit.edu.au.
- D. Meeting the RMIT English language requirement and confirmation of an offshore PhD scholarship (2.5 years in Sri Lanka) is mandatory when submitting the Eoi application. Evidence of the offshore PhD scholarship must be attached, which may include an email confirmation or a letter of support from the funding organisation in Sri Lanka.
- E. The School of Graduate Research (SGR) in RMIT University will assess academic qualifications and approve the Eoi application. If additional information is required, may contact the RMIT Senior supervisor and/or the applicant.
- F. Applicants who are successful in the Eoi stage 1 application will be invited to proceed to the Final Stage 2 RMIT application. The School of Graduate Research (SGR) in RMIT University will assess the final application.
- G. Please note that the absence of a signed cotutelle agreement from Sri Lanka will not prevent the applicant from submitting the Expression of Interest (Eoi) Stage 1 application and Final Stage 2 application to RMIT University.
- H. The Signed cotutelle agreement will be emailed by the Sri Lankan university coordinator, Not the Applicant, to RMIT University (chamila.gunasekara@rmit.edu.au).
- I. A PhD offer will be made only after the cotutelle agreement has been fully endorsed by both the Sri Lankan university and RMIT.
- J. This streamlined PhD registration process is expected to register the applicant at both universities within six months of Eoi submission. Note that the official PhD commencement will occur only after successful completion of registration at both universities.

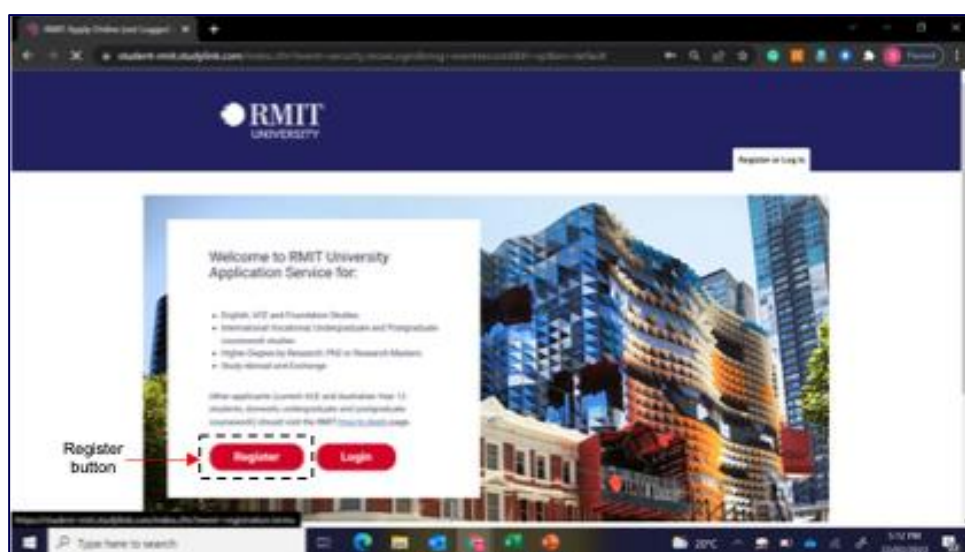
3. RMIT Registration Guide Stage 1 - Expression of Interest (Eoi)

Note: The applicant will submit an Expression of Interest (Eoi) Stage 1 application to RMIT University while working directly with the RMIT Senior Project Supervisor. The below provides primary guidance for the submission only; however, the RMIT Senior Project Supervisor will be the main point of contact and will provide all necessary details relevant to this application.

- a) Directions to apply: <https://www.rmit.edu.au/research/research-degrees/how-to-apply>
- b) Register through: <https://student-rmit.studylink.com/index.cfm?event=security.showLogin&msg=eventsecured&fr=sp&en=default>
- c) You will be directed to this page and need to register first as a new applicant.



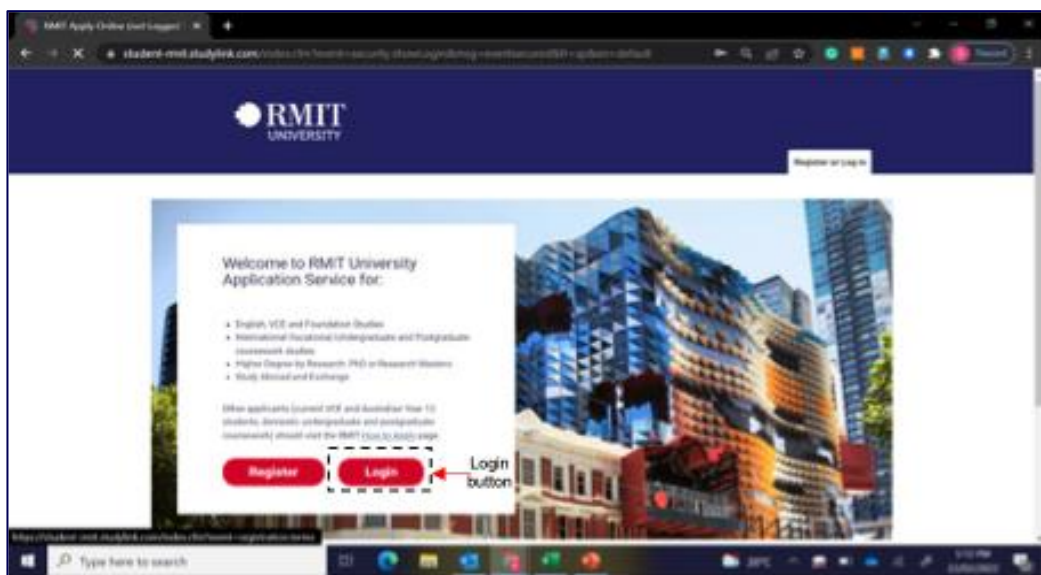
- d) Click the “Register” button to create a new account.



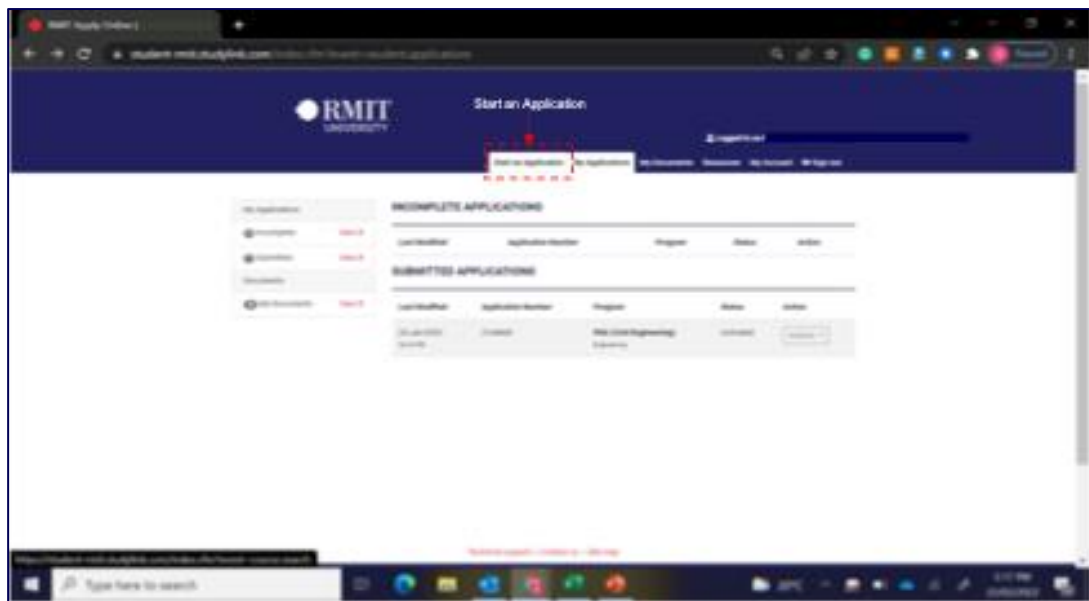
- e) You will be directed to the new registration form. Complete the form by entering your basic details, then click the “Register” button to proceed.

The screenshot shows the RMIT University 'NEW REGISTRATION' form. The form is titled 'NEW REGISTRATION' and includes a note: 'Registration forms are available only to new users.' The form fields are: Given Name, Middle Name, Family Name, Date of Birth (with Day, Month, and Year dropdowns), Gender (Male, Female, and International/Unspecified/Other), Email, Confirm Email, Create Password, Confirm Password, and Country of Citizenship. A red arrow points to the form area with the text 'The form to be filled'. Another red arrow points to the 'Register' button with the text 'Register button'.

- f) After successful registration, you will receive a login link via your registered email address. Click the link to access your account and log in using the password you created during the registration process. Please keep your password for future access.



- g) After logging in to your account, you will be directed to your dashboard. Click the “Start an Application” button to begin the application process.



- h) In the “Find Programme” section, enter your subject area(s) in the “Keyword” field and select “PhD” as the study level. Then click the “Search Now” button to view the available PhD programmes related to your subject. Confirm the appropriate programme code with your supervisor, note down the code, and click the “Apply Now” button to proceed with your application.

A screenshot of the RMIT Apply 'Find a Program' section. The left sidebar shows 'My Applications' with links for Incomplete, Submitted, and Documents, and 'My Documents' with a link for My Documents. The main section is titled 'FIND A PROGRAM' and contains a form with the following fields: 'Study Location' (Melbourne), 'Are you an Australian Citizen, Permanent Resident or New Zealand Citizen?' (No), 'What type of visa will you hold when commencing your studies?' (Student), 'Enter Keyword(s)' (civil engineering), and 'Study Level' (PhD). A 'Search Now' button is below the 'Study Level' field. Below the search fields, there is a section titled '1 MATCHING PROGRAM' with a table showing the following information: 'Program Code' (09216, Available from 01/01/2023), 'Program Title' (PhD (Civil Engineering) Engineering), and 'Apply Online' (Apply Now button). A red arrow points to the 'Apply Now' button, and a red box highlights the 'Login button' text next to it.

- i) You will be directed to the Expression of Interest page for the selected PhD programme. Tick the confirmation box and select “I am ready to apply!” to proceed with your application.

The screenshot shows the 'YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO THE PHD (CIVIL ENGINEERING)' page. At the top, there are tabs: 'Before you start', 'EOI', 'Attachments', 'Verify', and 'Submit'. The 'EOI' tab is active. Below the tabs, there is a section titled 'Before you start!' with instructions. At the bottom of the page, there is a confirmation box with the text 'Tick the box and select "I am ready to apply!"'. The box contains a checked checkbox and the text 'I am ready to apply!'. Below the box, there are two buttons: 'I am ready to apply!' and 'I don't want to continue'.

- j) Complete the Expression of Interest (EOI) form by entering your personal details in the required fields.

The screenshot shows the 'PERSONAL DETAILS' section of the EOI form. The form is titled 'PERSONAL DETAILS' and has a dropdown menu for 'Title' with 'Mrs' selected. Below this are input fields for 'First Name', 'Middle Name', and 'Family Name'. There is a dropdown menu for 'Gender' with 'Female' selected. Below this is a dropdown menu for 'Date of Birth'. There is an input field for 'Email' with '@gmail.com' entered. Below this is a dropdown menu for 'Are you currently studying at RMIT?' with 'No' selected. Below this is a dropdown menu for 'Country and Region of Citizenship' with 'SRI LANKA' selected. Below this is a dropdown menu for 'Where are you applying from?' with 'SRI LANKA' selected. Below this is a dropdown menu for 'Are you a permanent resident?' with 'No' selected. Below this is a dropdown menu for 'Do you have a disability, long-term illness and/or mental health condition which may impact your studies?' with 'No' selected.

- k) Complete the Contact Details section of the EOI form by entering your current contact information in the required fields.

The screenshot shows the 'CONTACT DETAILS' section of the EOI form. It includes fields for 'Home Country Address' (Country and Region, State/Province, City/Suburb, Address 1, Address 2, Address 3, Postal Code) and 'Mailing Address' (a question about whether the mailing address is the same as the home country address, with a 'Yes' button). There is also a 'Mobile Number' field with a dropdown for the country code (Sri Lanka +94) and a text input for the number.

- l) In the “Programme and Finance” section of the EOI, enter the following scholarship information in the “Other” section:

This is a joint PhD program between RMIT and the University of [Name], Sri Lanka. Scholarship arrangements are made according to the Cotutelle Agreement guidelines.

Leave the “RMIT Research Equity Scholarship” option blank (do not tick the checkbox).

The screenshot shows the 'PROGRAM & FINANCE' section of the EOI form. It includes fields for 'Application Type' (Admission and Scholarship), 'Proposed Commencement' (Jan, 2026), 'Proposed Study Load' (Full time), and a question about whether the applicant is considering an alternative offer for admission to a Masters by Research Program (No). There is also a question about whether the applicant will be supported by an RMIT research scholarship (Other). The 'Other' section has a text input field with a red arrow pointing to it and the text 'Enter scholarship information here'. Below this, there is a question about whether the applicant is eligible for the RMIT Research Equity Scholarship, with a checkbox and a red arrow pointing to it and the text 'Leave here blank'.

m) Complete the “Research Proposal” section of the application as follows:

The screenshot shows the 'RESEARCH PROPOSAL' section of an application form. It includes instructions to select research projects or provide a proposal. The form has several fields: three 'Project Name' dropdowns (with a red bracket and arrow pointing to them saying 'Do not select any projects'), a 'Proposed Research Title' text field (with a red arrow pointing to it saying 'Type the research title'), a 'Research Proposal' file upload section (with a red arrow pointing to the upload button saying 'Attach the PDF of research proposal'), an 'Academic Staff' text field (with a red arrow pointing to it saying 'RMIT Supervisors details'), and a 'Supervision Approval' file upload section (with a red arrow pointing to the upload button saying 'Attached the PDF of the complete supervision approval email thread').

- Leave the Research Projects fields blank (do not select any projects).
- Enter the title of your research in the Proposed Research Title field.
- Upload your Research Proposal as a PDF document.
- In the Academic Staff field, enter the names of your RMIT supervisors only, separated by semicolons (;). Include each supervisor's role in parentheses after their name. For example: *Associate Professor ABC (Senior Supervisor); Professor DEF (Associate Supervisor)*
- Attach the approval PDF (email) received from your supervisors. To obtain this, you need to send a supervision request email to all your RMIT supervisors asking for their consent to supervise your PhD. You can then attach the complete email thread (including your email and the supervisors' replies) as a PDF file here. Refer to the image below for the supervision request email template. You need to write an email copying all RMIT supervisors. Pls note that you must mention your course title with code in the email and confirm with the supervisor whether your course is correct. After you receive the consent email from all the supervisors, you need to download your email communication and save it as a PDF.

The screenshot shows an email template titled 'Email Title: Requesting Consent for PhD Supervision'. The recipient is 'Dear Professor Ya...'. The body of the email contains a redacted name and 'I am currently in the process of submitting my application for registration at RMIT for the course, DR210 PhD (Global, Urban & Social Studies)'. A red arrow points to this text saying 'Write your course title'. Below this, there is a redacted line for 'Our tentative research title is'. A red arrow points to this line saying 'Write your research title'. The email concludes with 'Given your kind agreement to supervise my research, I would be most grateful if you could kindly respond me this email confirming your consent to serve as a supervisor for my doctoral study.'

n) Enter your academic qualifications in the Academic Qualifications section of the EOI. Please consider the following when entering your details:

- Enter only completed degrees. Do not add any incomplete degrees or qualifications with pending final results/certificates.
- Attach only theses/dissertations written in English. If your thesis/dissertation is in another language, include the English translation along with the original document.
- Attach the PDF file of your academic transcript and theses/dissertations.

The screenshot shows the 'ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION' section of an application form. It includes fields for 'Level of Study' (Master's Degree by Research), 'Country and Region of Institution' (University of Kelaniya (UKL) - Sri Lanka), 'Qualification' (Master of Social Sciences), 'Qualification length (years)' (3 years), 'Date Commenced' (2012), 'Completion Status' (Completed), and a section for 'Was there a research component completed as part of this qualification?' (Yes). Below this, there is a text area for 'Describe the research component that was completed as part of this qualification'. The form also has two file upload sections: 'Attach the thesis/dissertation' and 'Attach transcript for qualification listed'. Both sections have a red arrow pointing to them with the text 'Attach the PDF file of your theses/dissertations' and 'Attach the PDF file of your academic transcript' respectively. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Save', 'Save & Clear', and 'Save & Continue'.

- o) Attach your CV in the Supporting Documents section of the EOI. Ensure that your CV includes your research experience, publications, awards, and IELTS results as mentioned.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Attach CV (Please include research experience, publications, awards/prizes and current English language test results) + [Get help](#)

File Attachment (DOC, DOCX, JPG, JPEG, PDF (unprotected), PNG, PPT, PPT, XLS, XLSX files up to 20MB in size) + [Get help](#)

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Attach the PDF file of your CV

If applicable, please upload your folio

Applicants to the School of Art must provide a folio of selected creative works, supportive to your application. Eight to ten examples of works are recommended with a list of works including details of title, year, media, dimensions, duration (for sound and moving image works) and photograph credit (if applicable). Your folio may be submitted as a compiled PDF document, or via a web file-sharing application such as WeTransfer, Dropbox, or password-protected Vimeo. Details of how to access your online folio (URL) must be included in your list of works submitted electronically with your application.

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Drag and drop or click here to browse the file that you wish to attach to your application

This field should be completed only if applicable for you

Add another attachment? No

If your folio is available to be viewed on a website, please provide the URL

All applicants to the School of Architecture and Design are required to upload a critical reflection. Please upload either:

- Approximately 1000 words of your own written reflections on an existing practice-based project of your own, with 5-7 relevant images, drawings or other visual material, if you are seeking to undertake practice research, OR
- A 1000-3000 word sample of writing, for non-practice led research applicants.

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- p) Tick the declaration box and click the “Save and Continue” button to proceed.

APPLICANT DECLARATION

I declare that:

- The information supplied as part of my submission is true and complete
- I have read and understood [RMIT University's privacy statement](#) and accept its conditions
- I consent to receiving electronic communication from the University and third parties for the purpose of assisting with my future enrolment at RMIT

I understand and accept that:

- I will be bound by the statutes, regulations, standards of conduct and policies of the University as amended from time to time
- It is my responsibility to provide all relevant and required supporting documents including documentary evidence of my qualifications
- All documents submitted in support of this application become the property of RMIT and will not be returned to me
- The provision of incomplete, inaccurate or fraudulent information with this application or the withholding of relevant information may result in the withdrawal by the University of any offer, and that this withdrawal may take place at any stage during the course of study
- RMIT will communicate with me using the email provided
- It may be necessary for third parties to communicate with me for the purpose of assisting my future enrolment at RMIT
- RMIT reserves the right to discontinue or alter any program, course/subject, fee, admissions requirement, staffing or other arrangement without prior notice

I authorise RMIT University to:

- Request and obtain further information from any educational institution or employer which may be required to confirm or clarify my suitability and eligibility for entry to a research program
- Provide information to government, educational, health and other relevant institutions, in the processing of, or in conjunction with my application. I understand that information about me can be disclosed without my consent where authorised or required by law

Tick the box ☐ I understand and accept the above conditions.

Save Save & Close

Click "Save & Continue" button

Save & Continue

- q) Review the list of attachments uploaded to your application in this section. Ensure that all files are renamed appropriately and attach any additional documents relevant to your application. Click “Save and Continue” to proceed.

The screenshot shows the 'Attachments' section of an application form. At the top, there are navigation buttons: 'Before you start', 'EOL', 'Attachments' (active), 'Verify', and 'Submit'. Below this is a table of uploaded attachments:

Date	Original Name	Size	Action
26/04/2025	P1E.docx	845.4 KB	Remove
18/04/2025	[REDACTED].pdf	145.1 KB	remove via form
18/04/2025	Cover of Research transcript M20C.pdf	183.4 KB	remove via form
17/04/2025	Research proposal for resubmission for PhD at RMIT.pdf	358.0 KB	remove via form

Below the table is a section titled 'Upload Other Documents' with a dashed box for dragging and dropping files. To the right of this box is a red arrow pointing to it with the text: 'Attach any additional documents relevant to your application, if applicable'.

Below that is a section titled 'Attach one of your existing uploads' with a 'Select Existing File' dropdown menu and an 'Attach' button. Below this is a 'Comments about your Application' section with a text area and a 'Save' button.

At the bottom right, there is a red arrow pointing to a 'Save & Continue' button with the text: 'Click "Save & Continue" button'.

- r) Verify your application by completing any incomplete pages, providing missing information, or attaching missing documents. Only incomplete sections will appear here. Ensure all required sections are completed before submission.

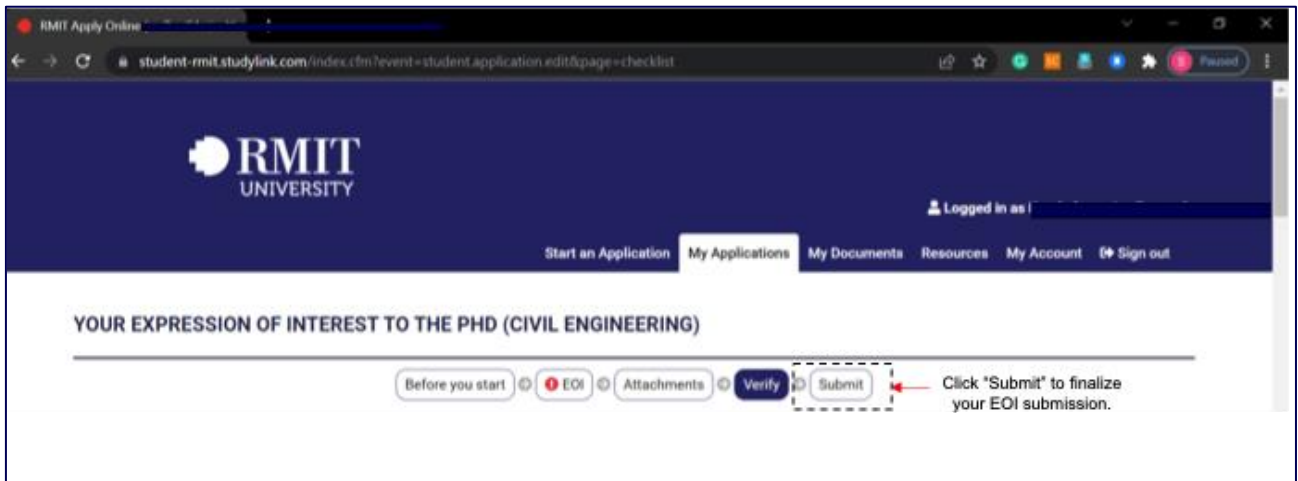
The screenshot shows the 'Verify' section of an application form. At the top, there are navigation buttons: 'Before you start', 'EOL', 'Attachments', 'Verify' (active), and 'Submit'. Below this is a red banner that says 'Please complete the following incomplete pages'. Below the banner are two sections:

From: EOL
From: RESEARCH PROPOSAL [View](#)
Please upload correspondence from the staff member nominated indicating agreement to provide supervision. [File Attachment \(DOC, DOCK, JPG, JPEG, PDF \(unprotected\), PNG, PPT, PPT, XLS, XLSX files up to 20MB in size\) > Get help](#)
Upload Now
Drag and drop or click here to browse the file that you wish to attach to your application

From: ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION [View](#)
Please provide the details of up to five qualifications that you have completed. At least one of these qualifications should qualify you for entry into the program for which you are seeking admission.
Qualification 1
Attach the thesis/dissertation: [File Attachment \(DOC, DOCK, JPG, JPEG, PDF \(unprotected\), PNG, PPT, PPT, XLS, XLSX files up to 20MB in size\) > Get help](#)
Upload Now
Drag and drop or click here to browse the file that you wish to attach to your application

At the bottom left, there are 'Save' and 'Save & Close' buttons. At the bottom right, there is a red arrow pointing to a 'Continue' button with the text: 'Click "Continue" button'.

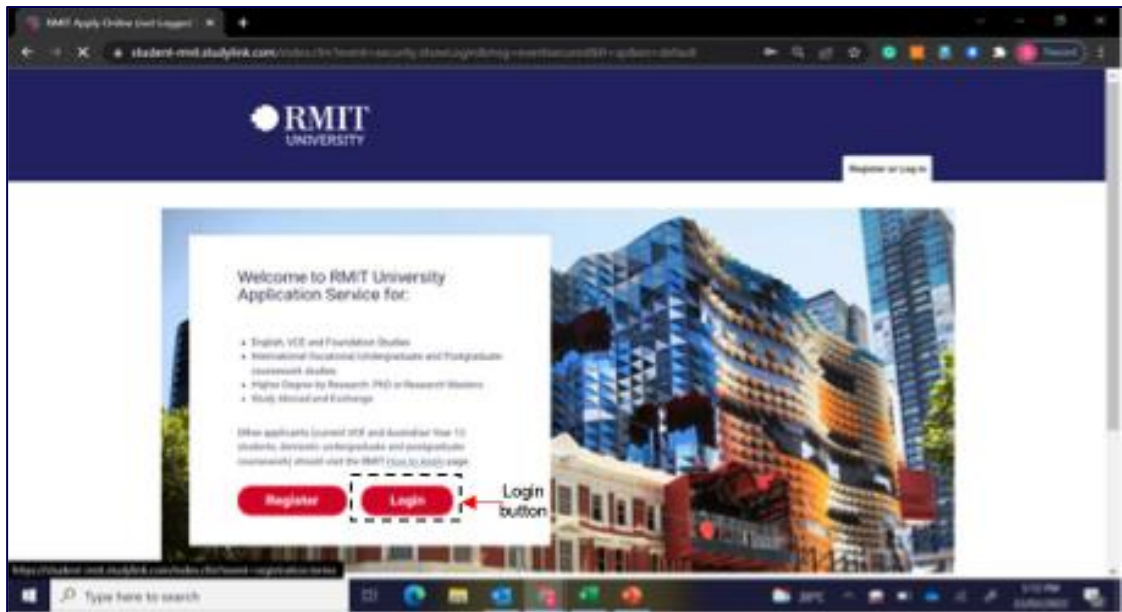
s) After verifying your application, submit the EOI.



4. RMIT Registration Guide Stage 2 - Final Application

Note: The applicant will submit the Final Stage 2 application to RMIT University while working directly with the RMIT Senior Project Supervisor. The information below provides primary guidance for the submission only; however, the RMIT Senior Project Supervisor will be the main point of contact and will provide all necessary details relevant to this application.

- a) Log in to your RMIT account through: <https://student-rmit.studylink.com/index.cfm?event=security.showLogin&msg=eventsecured&fr=sp&en=default>
- b) You will be directed to this page and need to log in with your Email and Password.



- c) Fill in the form with your passport and visa details.

A screenshot of the RMIT University Application Service form for passport and visa details. The form is titled "PASSPORT AND VISA DETAILS" and has a progress bar at the top with steps: "Before you start", "Application", "Attachments", "Verify", and "Submit". The "Application" step is currently selected. The form fields include: "Country and Region of Birth" (Sri Lanka), "Dual Citizenship nationality (if known)" (Please Select), "Passport Number" (a redacted field), "Passport Expiry Date" (05 Apr 2028), and "Upload passport copy" (a file attachment field). The "Upload passport copy" field shows a file named "passport-01" (9.3 MB) with a green checkmark and a "Remove File" button. There is a "Get feedback" button on the left side of the form.

d) Continue filling in the form with your personal details.

Do you have close relatives in Australia? * No

Do you have a valid Australian visa? * No

Have you and/or your dependants (including your spouse) previously been refused a visa to enter Australia? * No

Have you and/or your dependants (including your spouse) previously been refused a visa to any other country (excluding Australia)? * No

Have you ever had an Australian visa cancelled or revoked? * No

Have you ever had a visa for another country (excluding Australia) cancelled or revoked? * No

Have you ever been in Australia or another country without a valid visa (unlawful)? * No

Have you ever been excluded from an Australian education provider? * No

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

RMIT will assess your English eligibility once you have successfully submitted your application.

Must you take an English test in the last 2 years? *

e) Enter your English proficiency details and attach the relevant test results.

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Have you taken an English test in the last 2 years? * Yes

Test name * IELTS (Academic)

Test date * Day Month Year *

Test Report Form Number *

Overall score * Please select *

Listening * Please select *

Reading * Please select *

Writing * Please select *

Speaking * Please select *

Upload test results * File Attachment (DOC, DOCX, JPS, JPEG, PDF (compressed), PNG, PPT, PPT, KLS, XLSX Max up to 20MB in size) * [View help](#)

Upload Now

f) Enter your employment details.

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Do you wish to list any relevant work details? * Yes

Employer 1

Country and Region of employment * Please Select *

Employer * *

Position * *

Start Date * Day Month Year *

End Date(if employment has ended) Day Month Year *

Please explain how this experience demonstrates your ability to undertake research * *

1000 Characters remaining (max. 1000)

Add another employer? * Please Select *

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

Have you held or do you currently hold a research scholarship to support you while undertaking a research program? * Yes

g) Enter your scholarship details as follows in the Scholarships and prizes section:

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Scholarship details

Name of Scholarship * RMIT-Sri Lanka Cotutelle PhD Program 12-month Scholarship

Awarding institution * RMIT University, School of Graduate Research (SGR)

Year awarded * 2026

Value of the scholarship * RMIT-Sri Lanka Cotutelle PhD Program: 12-Month Scholarship Equivalent to the Typical RMIT International Onshore Scholarship Rate. 121 Characters remaining (max. 250)

Basis on which the scholarship was awarded to you? * RMIT-Sri Lanka Cotutelle PhD Program: 12-Month Scholarship Equivalent to the Typical RMIT International Onshore Scholarship Rate.

Upload the scholarship offer or other supporting documentation *

Drag and drop or click here to browse the file that you wish to attach to your application

- **Name of the scholarship:** RMIT–Sri Lanka Cotutelle PhD Program 12-month Scholarship
- **Awarding institution:** RMIT University – School of Graduate Research (SGR)
- **Year awarded:** Insert the year you are submitting the Stage 2 Application.
- **Value of the scholarship:** RMIT–Sri Lanka Cotutelle PhD Program: 12-Month Scholarship equivalent to the typical RMIT International Onshore Scholarship rate. This will be awarded after the student’s arrival at the RMIT Melbourne City campus by completing the CoC and anytime after 18 months of candidature. The maximum onshore scholarship duration is 12 months.
- **Upload the scholarship offer or other supporting documents:** Prepare a Word/PDF document containing the following text and attach it: “RMIT–Sri Lanka Cotutelle PhD Program: 12-Month Scholarship Equivalent to the Typical RMIT International Onshore Scholarship Rate. This will be awarded after the student’s arrival at RMIT Melbourne City campus by completing the CoC & anytime after 18 months of the candidature. Maximum onshore scholarship duration is 12 months.”

h) Enter your publications details.

PUBLICATIONS

Do you wish to list any publications?

Publication

Publication type * Journal Article

Name of Journal * Journal Article

Title of Paper * Journal Article

Written in English? * Please Select

Number of pages * Please Select

Status * Please Select

Year of Publication * Please Select

ISBN/ISSN/DOI * Please Select

Link to published work (if available online) * Please Select

Number of authors * Please Select

Specify your contribution to the publication * Please Select (please include your authorship rank (i.e. 1st Author, etc))

Publication Quality * Please Select

i) Continue filling in your publications details.

This screenshot shows the 'Publications' section of the application form. It includes a 'Publication Quality' field with a character count of 9999. Below it is an 'Additional Comments' field, also with a 9999 character count. The 'Upload Supporting documentation' section features a file attachment button and a drag-and-drop area for supporting documents. A 'Give feedback' button is visible on the left side of the form.

j) Fill in your study agreement details. No document upload is required in this section; leave it empty.

This screenshot displays the 'STUDY AGREEMENT WITH PARTNER INSTITUTION' section. It contains a dropdown for 'Do you want to add another publication?', a 'Yes' button, and a 'Partner Institute' dropdown menu. Below this is a 'Please indicate the type of study agreement' dropdown. The 'Upload Supporting documentation' section includes a file attachment button and a drag-and-drop area. A 'Give feedback' button is located on the left side.

k) Fill in the additional information required in this section.

This screenshot shows the 'ADDITIONAL INFORMATION' section. It contains a series of questions with 'Yes' or 'No' radio button options: 'Accommodation options', 'Campus life and student clubs', 'Further program information', 'Graduate employability', 'Living in Melbourne', 'Orientation and start dates', 'Scholarships', and 'Support services for international students'. There is also an 'Other' dropdown menu. Below this is the 'APPLICANT DECLARATION' section, which includes a declaration statement and a list of terms and conditions. A 'Give feedback' button is visible on the left side.

I) Tick the box and select “Save & Continue” to submit the application.