

University of Sydney Law School

PhD Scholarship in Institutional Aspects of Automated Decision Making (ADM) and Artificial Intelligence (AI)

What we offer:

- Full scholarship of AUD 36,161 for 3 years /3.5 years with a fee waiver for the equivalent duration (value of AUD 53,500/year), plus access to Postgraduate research funds for presenting at conferences and other work.
- Commencement date of 1 March 2024, based in Sydney, Australia for, at least, the first 18 months of the research.
- The resources and research team of one of the world's leading law schools (16th in the QS ranking and 4th in employability)
- The connections of a leading centre of research in automated decision-making, the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Automated Decision-Making and Society (ADM+S)
- The supervision of Prof. Kimberlee Weatherall, (Chief Investigator at ADM+S) and other adequate supervisor(s) depending on the proposal.

What we expect:

- Excellent received or expected (e.g., based on semester 1) results in a Master of Laws (LLM) or Bachelor of Laws (LLB) with First or Second Class Honours; or Qualifications which the University's Committee for Graduate Studies may consider equivalent (e.g., JD with relevant research / other university work / sustained research in a professional capacity.).
- Interest / previous experience / research in legal questions arising from the development, deployment or consideration of the use of artificial intelligence systems, as automated decision-making systems or as decision support systems.

What you need to do to be considered:

- **Expressions of Interest due on 11 June 2023 (11:59pm, Sydney time)**, earlier EoI are strongly encouraged - On-line interviews with shortlisted candidates conducted within 10 working days after closing date. Invitation to submit full applications (up to 3 candidates), sent within 10 days after interviews.
- EoIs (in English) should be sent to law.adms@sydney.edu.au, with Ref: ADM+S Scholarship and the name of the candidate with the surname capitalised (e.g., ADM+S Scholarship - Ada EVANS) in the subject attaching in one single pdf file:
 1. Un updated CV
 2. A cover letter (max. 1 page) highlighting key aspects that should be considered by the selection committee (e.g., prior research experience, prizes/awards/scholarships, other relevant activities) and considerations about research opportunities / career interruptions. Please note that a standard cover letter would not be very useful for the application.
 3. A (max) 4 page proposal of a potential idea of research, or 5 pages if you want to propose several ideas (max. 3 ideas).
 4. A scanned copy (with translation if not in EN/FR/ES) of the best results achieved in a university degree (only one degree necessary if the candidate has several) with a one paragraph description of the national/global standing of the university (based, for example, on selective access, national repute, scholars in the faculty, domestic ranking, etc.).
 5. OPTIONAL: Reference letters already held by the candidate, not necessarily specific for this position.

More information about the scholarship:

- <https://www.sydney.edu.au/scholarships/b/scholarship-in-institutional-aspects-of-automated-decision-makin.html>