

**Are you an outstanding Science, Health Sciences or Engineering Honours undergraduate or Masters level student that is passionate about innovation?**

**Are you considering doctoral level studies but unsure whether you want a traditional discipline-bound career path?**

**Are you interested in learning more about business, management and policy perspectives on innovation?**

**If so, then please consider a PhD in a Business School where you can leverage *and* complement your technical training.**

**The Discipline of Strategy, Innovation & Entrepreneurship at the University of Sydney Business School is seeking outstanding PhD applicants to undertake “Engaged Innovation Scholarship for Impact”.**

### **About the opportunity**

*“Australia is in a \$1.6 trillion global innovation race, where the prize at stake is a bigger share of global wealth, better jobs, and the best access to the products of innovation for addressing societal challenges ... Innovation and Science Australia’s [ISA’s] vision for 2030 is that Australia will be counted within the top tier of innovation nations. We will take pride in our global reputation for excellence in science, research and commercialisation.” (ISA, 2018)*

Achieving ISA’s vision by 2030 represents a grand challenge for Australia, especially in light of the country’s historical performance along metrics of innovation. Despite outstanding results in terms of the excellence of its universities, with 7 of the top 100 according to the 2019 QS World University Rankings, Australia ranks only 20th in the 2018 Global Innovation Index, for example. Clearly, business as usual by organizations within the Australian innovation ecosystem is insufficient to realize the vision. New approaches are required, including – if not especially – inside universities.

Although universities have long been recognized as engines of innovation, they have been rarely approached as ‘living laboratories’ for innovation scholarship and practice. The new **Discipline of Strategy, Innovation & Entrepreneurship** at the **University of Sydney Business School** is innovating to redress this situation through **“Engaged Innovation Scholarship for Impact”** – the systematic production, translation and mobilization of scholarly knowledge about innovation by members of multidisciplinary teams into which business school &/or other social science scholars of innovation and related fields, including PhD students, have been embedded. It aims to break new ground by embracing and implementing the idea that the path to superior innovation outcomes – for any organization, including universities – begins with organizational innovation.

To further strengthen our group, we are looking to recruit doctoral students who are interested in innovating within the university context in such an engaged way.

### **About you**

The University values courage and creativity; openness and engagement; inclusion and diversity; and respect and integrity. As such, we see the importance in recruiting talent aligned to these values in the pursuit of research excellence.

To be eligible for the position, applicants must have a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree, excellent academic qualifications, and a proven research track record.

[The program](#) is a 4-year degree that provides students with world-class training through extensive coursework and personalised supervision. Throughout the degree, students are encouraged to develop their research skills to address the most pressing business problems facing society.

We offer multiple **4-year scholarships** that cover both tuition fees and a living stipend of **\$35k per annum**. In addition to this stipend, scholarship recipients will have an opportunity to receive an additional sum, normally \$10k per annum, in return for carrying out specific teaching duties.

How to apply: To be considered for a scholarship, please submit an online application for course candidature (<https://sydney.edu.au/courses/courses/pr/doctor-of-philosophy-business.html>). Indicate where prompted that you wish to be considered for the Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarship. Consideration for the Business School Research Scholarship will be automatic. **Applications must be submitted by 30 September 2019.**

### About us

The **Discipline of Strategy, Innovation and Entrepreneurship** brings together knowledge from academic, business and government sectors to foster sustainable innovation and strategy. Internationally recognized for their research excellence, our researchers are a collaborative and engaged group with a mission to produce impactful research and practical, actionable knowledge.

The **University of Sydney Business School** is a world-class business school at the forefront of global business and management education- one with a clear sense of purpose, a commitment to providing a transformational educational experience, and, through our research, an influential and respected voice. It is [ranked number 15](#) in the Asia-Pacific region by the *Financial Times*, and [number 42](#) in the world in the 2019 *QS World University Rankings by subject*.

The **University of Sydney** has, since our inception as Australia's first university some 160 years ago, led to improve the world around us. We believe in education for all and that effective leadership makes lives better. These same values are reflected in our approach to diversity and inclusion and underpin our long-term strategy for growth. We are regularly [ranked in the world's top 50 universities](#), including 1<sup>st</sup> in Australia and 5<sup>th</sup> in the world for graduate employability.

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Our contemporary society is undergoing significant transformative change which brings enormous opportunity for innovation, progressive thinking, breaking with convention, challenging the status quo, and improving the world around us. Please think seriously about joining us in this mission.

Intending applicants are welcome to seek further information about the position from:



[Professor Steven Maguire](#)



[Professor & Head of Discipline Leanne Cutcher](#)



[Associate Professor Eric Knight](#)



[Lecturer Maria Rumyantseva](#)