

## English language proficiency requirements for prospective International postgraduate students

- English is first language.
- An overall band score of not less than 6.5 on the IELTS test conducted by IDP and the British Council. In addition, a score of at least 6.0 is required in each band and applicants must undertake the academic module in regard to reading and writing. Tests that are taken more than two years prior to application will not be accepted. Details can be found at [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org).
- A score of 577 or more in the American Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and a score of 5.0 or more on the TOEFL Test of Written English (TWE). Scores must be available for both TOEFL and TWE. For computer-based TOEFL, a score of 233 or more is required and a score of 5.0 or more achieved on the TOEFL Essay Rating (ER) is required. Scores must be available for both TOEFL and ER. Tests that are taken more than two years prior to application will not be accepted. Details can be found at [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org).
- Successful completion of a course of tertiary studies of at least two years' duration conducted entirely in English and involving formal assessment of written work, in a country where English is a dominant language (attach evidence), together with, at the university's discretion, documentary evidence of recent diagnostic testing indicating an acceptable overall score on the IELTS test or the TOEFL as outlined in 2 or 3 respectively. Tests that are taken more than two years prior to application will not be accepted.
- An overall IELTS score of 6.0 (writing score of 6.0); or a TOEFL score of 550 with a TWE of 4.5 (computer-based TOEFL score of 213 with an ER of 4.5), together with successful completion of the 10-week Monash University English Language Bridging Program (ELBP). Applicants will not be admitted to candidature until they have successfully completed the ELBP. (Scholarship applicants must show evidence of TOEFL or IELTS results as well as evidence of successful completion of the ELBP by the closing date to be eligible).

Please note that these are the minimum requirements and that some faculties may set additional prerequisites. Full documentary evidence in support of English proficiency must be submitted with applications for candidature. Where an applicant's first language is not English or where degree qualifications were not undertaken in the English language, Monash reserves the right to seek further documentary evidence of English proficiency.

**NOTE:** The English Language requirements outlined above are the University's minimum requirements for admission to a research degree. Recent changes to visa regulations require applicants from assessment level countries 3 and 4 to provide a satisfactory IELTS test score when applying for a student visa.