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Student ID: 30343778

Dear Sneh,

Congratulations! I am very pleased to offer you admission to pursue Doctor of Philosophy (Probation) candidature with Federation University Australia as follows:

Degree:	Doctor of Philosophy (Probation)
Faculty:	Federation Business Schools
School:	Federation Business School
Campus:	Mt Helen
Fraction:	Full-time
Proposed Thesis Title:	<i>Exploring the extent of perceived empowerment of female directors in the boardrooms of family owned businesses of India and its impact on firm innovations</i>
Principal Supervisor:	Prof Philip Taylor
Associate Supervisor:	Dr Kumar Biswas and Dr Damian Morgan
Program Code:	BUO
Course Code:	BUGEN9001
Length of Candidature:	The period of candidature shall be 3 Years Full-Time Equivalent (FTE).

Conditions of Candidature

You are admitted to 3 Years Full Time Equivalent (FTE) candidature, and under certain circumstances have the option of applying for one further six month FTE extension, subject to conditions.

Candidature Start Date: 1 March 2018

Candidature End Date: 1 March 2021

Course Fees

Your course fees of \$29,900 AUD per annum (FTE), (subject to change) will be covered by an Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) Fee-offset Scholarship.

A Research Training Program (RTP) Stipend Scholarship will also be provided to you for the term of 3 years FTE to be paid in fortnightly instalments.

Scholarship Value: AUD \$27,082 (per annum)

Scholarship Start Date: 1 March 2018

Scholarship End Date: 1 March 2021

RTP Scholarship Policy

The Research Training Program (RTP) is an Australian Commonwealth Government scheme established to support domestic and international candidates enrolled in Higher Degrees by Research (HDR Programs).

The RTP provides three levels of funding support for candidates. Candidates may receive one or more of the following benefits: 1) Fee offset scholarship; 2) stipend scholarship for general living costs; and 3) Allowances related to the ancillary cost of research degrees.

For more detailed information about your RTP scholarship, please visit:

http://policy.federation.edu.au/research/higher_degrees_by_research/hdr_candidate_selection/hdr_candidate_selection/ch04.php

Confirmation of Candidature

Initial admission to Higher Degree by Research candidature is on a provisional basis, and an application for confirmation of candidature for doctoral candidates must be before 12 months of commencing full-time probationary candidature or before 24 months of commencing part-time probationary candidature.

Your confirmation of candidature is due before 1 March 2019.

For detailed information about probationary candidature and confirmation requirements, please visit:

http://policy.federation.edu.au/research/higher_degrees_by_research/hdr_candidature_management/hdr_candidature_management/ch01.php

Graduate Centre Program

The Research Higher Degrees Sub Committee (RHDS) expects all new students to be active participants in the Graduate Centre program. Sessions commence in March and are held every **Wednesday, 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm** during semester. If you are not “on campus” contact Research Services for arrangements to be made for you to receive printed materials: Email: research.degrees@federation.edu.au

It is compulsory for all new students to attend the Graduate Centre Orientation and Induction session and the first (administrative) session of the Graduate Centre program. Students who commence after the March Orientation will be offered an Orientation session later in the year.

Communication During Your Candidature

Once you are enrolled as a student of Federation University Australia, you will be issued with a student email account as follows: **smehbhardwaj@students.federation.edu.au**

Research Services will only correspond with you via this University email address (not your personal/private account). Research Services recommend accessing your student email account at least on a weekly basis so that you don't miss out on any important information or risk your inbox capacity going over the designated limit and emails not being delivered. If you find it difficult to manage checking both your personal email account and your student email account on a regular basis, then you have the option of setting up an email forwarding system. For more information about the student email system refer to:

<https://federation.edu.au/current-students/assistance-support-and-services/information-technology-it-help>

Getting Started in your Higher Degree by Research Program

For comprehensive information about getting started in your Higher Degree by Research program, please visit:

<http://federation.edu.au/research/support-for-current-students-and-staff/hdr-getting-started>

Acceptance

If you wish to accept this offer, please sign and return the Acceptance of Offer on the following page to Research Services as soon as possible and no later than **11 December 2017**. The offer will lapse if we have not received your acceptance by this date. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Research Services via telephone: +61 3 5327 9508 (Mt Helen Campus) or +61 3 5122 6345 (Gippsland Campus), or via email:

research.degrees@federation.edu.au

Yours sincerely,



Prof Leigh Sullivan

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (research and Innovation)

cc: Principal Supervisor, Associate Supervisor, Associate Dean (Research), Head of School, HDR Coordinator, Scholarships Office, Faculty Business Manager, Executive Dean Graduate Studies, Research Services

Acceptance of Offer - Sneh Bhardwaj

Please return to Research Services by no later than 11 December 2017

Please return this signed form to Research Services via:

Email:

research.degrees@federation.edu.au

OR

Research Services
Federation University Australia
PO Box 3191
Gippsland Mail Centre VIC 3841

I **Sneh Bhardwaj** confirm acceptance of my application for candidature and any conditions as detailed in the letter of offer above.

x

Signature

Date

Sneh Bhardwaj

Anticipated Date of Commencement:
