

**CENTRE FOR STRATEGIC ECONOMIC STUDIES
VICTORIA UNIVERSITY
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PhD Studies in the Pharmaceutical Industry

The Centre for Strategic Economic Studies at Victoria University (Melbourne, Australia) is seeking PhD candidates to contribute to its Pharmaceutical Industry Program which has the objective of improving the knowledge base of the pharmaceutical industry, in both a global and Australian context.

The Centre has developed a substantial database of information about various aspects of Australian and international pharmaceutical markets such as drug usage, price, approvals, patents and alliances.

The current research program is focusing on four aspects of the industry.

- Economic and technological change in the pharmaceutical industry
- Pricing, regulation and innovation in drug markets
- Measuring the impact of new medicines and health outcomes
- Health systems and medicines policy in Japan, China and India

The Centre is a leading centre in Australia for research into the pharmaceutical industry and biotechnology sector. It participates in an extensive network of international researchers. It is continuing to build its expertise in the area and recently appointed Prof Frank Lichtenberg of Columbia University, New York as an Adjunct Professor.

The Centre employs 16 staff and seeks to address long-term, strategic economic and social issues of international concern and significance. In addition to its pharmaceutical project, the principal areas of research interest are the impact of converging technologies, energy use and climate change in the new economy and governance and regional issues.

Prof. Peter Sheehan, the Centre's Director, is the leader of the project and inquiries, from potential candidates about undertaking a PhD at the Centre, should be directed to him at peter.sheehan@vu.edu.au

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