

Inaugural PhD positions, The Southeast Asia Research Centre for Digital Tech and Society (SEADS)

The Southeast Asia Research Centre for Digital Tech and Society (SEADS) is a new research centre based at Monash University Malaysia's School of Arts and Social Sciences, one of the premier humanities and social science research and teaching institutions in Malaysia. SEADS aims to advance scholarship through critical examination of the relationships between digital technologies and human societies in Southeast Asia using humanities and social science approaches. We also aim to build a platform that conjoins academic research with civil society, governments and corporations in ongoing dialogue, exchanges, and collaborations to understand developments, identify issues, explore alternatives, develop pedagogy and inform the public. SEADS' initial focus is on two thematic areas as they relate to Southeast Asia: the digital state, and digital health and wellbeing. Applications are now open for SEADS' two inaugural fully-funded PhD positions, for research projects related to the following topics:

- Digital technology and health/wellbeing (including technology-assisted gender-based violence, digital technologies and disability, digital technologies and ageing)
- Digital technology & the state (including surveillance, digital economy policies, state regulations of digital tech)
- Digital technology & migration (including migrant's use of the digital, biometric ID systems, or remittance economies)

Two-step application

1. **BY 28 FEB 2024:** Prior consultation with the Director of SEADS, A/Prof Emma Baulch, is required to formulate a research proposal. To initiate this consultation, please write to emma.baulch@monash.edu
2. **BY APRIL 30 2024:** The deadline for applications in the form of an [Expression of Interest](#), including a research proposal.