

Criminal Justice Research Consortium

Member Profiles



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Background

The field of criminal justice has no clear academic home; it is multi-disciplinary. Work in the fields of policing, courts, prisons, community corrections, juvenile justice and forensics is studied in a number of different university faculties and departments, including Social Work, Law, Psychology, IT, Education and Business/Economics.

About us

The Monash University Criminal Justice Research Consortium (CJRC) brings together academics united by an interest in criminal justice research, and seeks active engagement with industry. Our activities include student supervision, training, workshops, consultancies, and large-scale research projects.

The mission of the CJRC is to become an acknowledged leader in criminal justice research and a major contributor to policy development, through the application of combined expertise to the complex research questions of criminal justice.

Members of the CJRC include academics and higher-degree students from many and varied backgrounds and belong to six faculties of Monash University. The activities of the CJRC are led by an Executive Committee comprising representatives from these faculties. The CJRC actively engages with industry, in part through regular meetings with an Advisory Committee that is made up of representatives from interested government and non-government organisations at both the state and federal level.

Research Degree (PhD or Masters) Student Supervision

For Higher Degree by Research students, the CJRC employs a cross-disciplinary supervision model. This allows students to benefit from expertise in a range of disciplines. Students are encouraged to complete their higher degree under three supervisors belonging to different departments across the university. The profiles of CJRC members provided in this booklet can help students to identify potential supervisors.

Research Projects

The CJRC facilitates collaboration by its members on large-scale research projects, through seeking competitive grant funding and philanthropic support. Details of past and current funded research projects are available on the CJRC website.

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Dr Hasking has particular skills in statistical analyses (structural equation modelling, confirmatory factor analysis, regression analyses, questionnaire development and validation) and also has experience in collecting data from young people, and in handling large data sets.

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