A message from our Pro Vice-Chancellor Graduate Research

This month, I have invited Linda Schofield, our Transition Implementation Manager, to provide the introductory message for Graduate Research Matters – over to you Linda.

Stay safe and stay well,

Professor Simon Handley, Pro Vice-Chancellor Graduate Research

It’s a real privilege for me to be working for the GRA. I haven’t completed an MRes or PhD but I enjoy running and, alongside many writers and research candidates who have compared the two, I can see similarities in the mindset you need to thrive in both of these pursuits.

Running can be an isolated activity where you spend a great deal of time in your own thoughts. To get fit you need to run a lot of kilometres; there are moments when this feels great and there are moments when you question what you were thinking when you signed up! The journey is long and uncertain and can have many obstacles that are out of your control like injuries and poor weather for training. It is unavoidably hard work over a long period. For me, training as part of a team has made all the difference to my experience. I feel supported and able to share in the highs and lows, to get advice when I’m not sure what to do, and to simply have
some great company to share along the way. Support and connection are just as important on a graduate research journey.

In the GRA, we are here to support you and we aim to make your graduate research experience an enjoyable one. I’m privileged to lead the Graduate Research Liaison Team, which has two key functions: to support and improve the student experience, and to support faculties to achieve their goals for graduate research. We deliver many events and online activities to help build the graduate research community, we can connect you to other candidates to share and support each other, and we can also connect you to mentoring and wellbeing programs. We manage the student surveys to ensure that your voice is heard and we use this to continuously improve our services.

In each faculty we have a dedicated Graduate Research Liaison Co-ordinator – they are here for you and would love to get to know you and support you throughout your candidature. If you need help and don’t know where to start, your Liaison Co-ordinator can help you navigate the GRA and faculty to find what you need. I encourage you to reach out and introduce yourself to your Graduate Research Liaison Coordinator. They can help you tap into all the services the GRA offers, to help you navigate the obstacles, to thrive through the long hours of hard work, and ultimately to make your research journey an enjoyable and memorable one.

Linda Schofield, Transition Implementation Manager

COVID-19 FAQs for GR Candidates (Coronavirus (COVID-19) infection: latest information – Information for Students – Changes to Session 1 – GR Students

GR Workshops

2022 workshops are progressively being added to the MyRDC website.

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Graduate Research Writing Workshops (Social Sciences & Humanities): Every Research Article Is Written from the Basics: Paragraphs, Sentences, and Words
Register now →

14 April 2022
Survey Design and Practice Using LimeSurvey
Register now →

21 April 2022
Graduate Research Writing Workshops (Social Sciences & Humanities): Delivering an Oral Presentation of Research
Register now →

26 April 2022
NVivo for Mac (face to face)

27 April 2022
ONLINE April mini-writing retreat
Register now →

27 April 2022
Thesis Argument Workshop
Register now →

28 April 2022
Graduate Research Writing Workshops (Social Sciences & Humanities): Applying Critical Thinking in Research
Register now →

28 April 2022
Science Writing for Publication Workshop 5: The Results Section
Register now →

5 May 2022
Graduate Research Writing Workshops (Social Sciences & Humanities):
Register now →

3 May 2022
Design Think your HDR Toolkit (face to face)
Register now →
Working with Theories in Research

Register now

SPSS Introductory Workshop
4-5 May 2022

Register now

Design Think your HDR Toolkit (ONLINE)
5 & 9 May 2022

Register now

ONLINE May mini-writing retreat
5 May 2022

Register now

GR Statistical Consulting Service
Tuesdays 10am-12pm

16WW (Lincoln Building), Room 1.31 (Level 1)
Appointments recommended: contact
A/Prof Peter Petocz
(peter.petocz@mq.edu.au)

Announcements

Australian Institute of Health Innovation (AIHI)

AIHI runs free online seminars with leaders in the health system – clinicians, policy makers, researchers. If you would

Important Dates

10 April (TBC)
Australia Award Scholarship closes (MQ deadline).
like to be notified of news and events, please email aihi@mq.edu.au and ask to be added to our mailing list.

In April, we have emergency room doctor and author Glen Farrow and in June we have a presentation by Cancer Institute NSW Career Development Fellowship winner Associate Professor Reema Harrison on co-designing interventions for CALD communities.

AIHI is a vibrant and world-recognized research-intensive center, contact us about doing a PhD.

28 April
Last date to withdraw without Fail. Financial penalty applies (applies to BPhil/MRes Yr1).

1 May
Closing date for S2 2022 International and Domestic Road to Research applications.

Closing date for S2 2022 Domestic Research Scholarship applications.

A full calendar of important dates can be viewed on Graduate Research Important Dates.

Researchers IMPACT Program

Calling all Macquarie University Research Groups, Researchers and HDR Candidates. The Researchers IMPACT Program is designed to Provide a Supportive Pathway for Assessment of Commercialisation. Developed by the Office of Commercialisation and the MQ Incubator, this program is a blended learning experience to assess the path of research to commercialisation. Applications open March 7th. Register your EOI now.

Join our newsletter

Stay up to date and find out what's happening at the MQ Incubator! Sign up to our monthly newsletter to find out the latest startup news, student programs, events and more. Join our mailing list here.

News & Information

Calling all PhD Candidates – Top-Up scholarship opportunity!
As a currently enrolled PhD candidate, you are eligible to apply for the NSW Education Waratah Top-Up Scholarship! This opportunity is open to all candidates who have received their confirmation of candidature by 30 June 2022 and will provide for a $10,000 top-up stipend per annum on top of your current Research Training Program (RTP) or Macquarie Research Excellence stipend scholarship. Please refer to the scholarship website on further details on eligibility criteria and how to apply details. There will be a Drop-In Information Session for applicants on this scholarship:

When - 7 April 2022, Thursday
What time – 2:00pm
Where – Online Zoom

Pauline Woo
Scholarship Program Manager

Graduate Research Supervision

Supervisors Forum Series
The inaugural supervision forum series will be held in May! Come along and hear from experienced supervisors about selecting GR candidates and managing the candidature lifecycle, managing research progress and resolving differences, and supervising candidates engaged with industry research programs or internships.

Don't miss out! Register now!

**Info-sessions and workshops**

Would you like to learn more about being an inspirational supervisor? Have you ever wondered what the current requirements and processes are for your candidate? Are you curious about who looks after what in the GRA? Why not pop into one of our info-sessions or workshops to learn more!

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Need further information? Contact the Supervision Enhancement team for help: [gr.supervision@mq.edu.au](mailto:gr.supervision@mq.edu.au)

**Writing away from the hustle and bustle: The Offsite Research Writing Event**
Last month, twenty graduate research candidates locked themselves away in the historic grandeur of The Carrington Hotel in Katoomba for three days of intense, binge writing.

Laptops out, optional head phones in, goals in place, and tea or coffee at hand, these GR candidates were ready to write. And write they did. In the rich, warm décor of The Library, rhythmic clacking of computer keys against the sounds of near-constant rain provided a unique, motivating environment for participants to push through with their writing across all three days.

Of course, all work and no play makes for poor productivity, so to prevent burnout candidates were supplied with regular breaks and an abundance of food. In addition, fellow attendee, Gemma Perry (Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences), generously led her peers in mindful meditation sessions and wrist yoga exercises to help combat any writing fatigue.

In the evenings, participants had the opportunity to discuss their writing with their fellow peers: bravely reading their writing out aloud, and giving and receiving feedback.

Overall, the Offsite Research Writing Event was a great success in helping GR candidate make significant progress on their writing. As one candidate commented, “it’s been such an incredible opportunity. Great connections, inspiring conversations and mass productivity.”

Although the locations may not be as picturesque, the Graduate Research Development team are running monthly 1-day mini writing retreats both on campus and online. Please visit the Researcher Development Calendar to sign up for our upcoming 1-day mini writing retreats.

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New data management steps for incoming PhD students

Macquarie University’s Research Data Management (RDM) Framework and Policy, issued in September 2021, introduces significant changes to research data practice for all researchers in the University.

From this year, newly commencing PhD students are expected complete foundational RDM training called RDMOnline, and lodge Data Management Plans (DMPs) as a requirement of their candidature. To support the students, their principal supervisors will also undertake the training and review their students' DMPs.

This cohort of supervisors and students play a pivotal role in advancing best practice and enabling Macquarie University to improve research integrity, transparency, compliance and quality.

Existing Graduate Research students are encouraged to take advantage of the new training resources.

For more information, visit the Research Data Page of the Digitally Enabled Research website.

**PhD project opportunities**
Models of Care for Type 1 Diabetes

With generous funding from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) a Global Centre of Excellence in Type 1 Diabetes Research has been established in Australia. The AIHI (A/Prof Yvonne Zurynski, Prof Jeffrey Braithwaite, and Dr Ann Carrigan) lead the Models of Care Stream which aims to improve interdisciplinary care delivery, integration and coordination for children and young people with Type 1 Diabetes. We are looking for a PhD scholar to join our team to undertake a PhD project related to the Centre’s work. The right candidate will be supported to apply for a postgraduate scholarship. Please contact A/Prof Yvonne Zurynski yvonne.zurynski@mq.edu.au

Experiences and opinions of Australian health consumers

The AIHI and the NHMRC Partnership Centre for Health System Sustainability is working closely with the Consumers Health Forum of Australia to understand needs and gaps of health consumers when they seek and receive care in our health system. We have two waves of data from 2018 (>1000 respondents) and 2021 (>5000 respondents), and another wave of data collection is planned for 2023. Interesting findings regarding access, affordability, opinions and experiences are being explored. We are looking for PhD candidates to join our team. Candidates will be supported to apply for a postgraduate scholarship. Please contact A/Prof Yvonne Zurynski yvonne.zurynski@mq.edu.au

Locked out of yet another workshop?
Ever tried registering for a workshop just after getting the email promo, only to find that there were no spots left? Super frustrating, right?! 

You shout at your computer: “How on earth did that happen? Is there some sneaky back door others are using to get into these workshops?”

Actually, yes: there are **three** sneaky back doors!

The first door is this Graduate Research Matters newsletter. Scroll back up this newsletter and you’ll see two columns of upcoming workshops with registration links. Register now for any you need.

But you may still be too late, so here’s the second door (more like the front door than a back door): myRDC. Click the > arrow and check out what’s on offer in future months. Then register immediately! Software workshops have limited places and fill quickly.

The third and sneakiest back door is the Graduate Research Development (GRD) ilearn unit. Not only does the unit house recordings of past workshops, but it’s from here that we announce upcoming events that still have spots vacant. Depending on how you’ve set up your ilearn preferences, you’ll almost certainly get those announcements before they are circulated throughout your faculty by your Liaison Coordinators.

So, open Graduate Research Matters, the myRDC, and the GRD ilearn unit, and you’ll never get locked out of a workshop again.

Dr Juliet Lum
Graduate Research Development Manager

Global Talent Visa Program
The Department of Home Affairs would like to advertise the Global Talent Independent visa (GTI) to PhD students and graduates at Macquarie University. The GTI provides a fast-track path to permanent residency for highly skilled and talented people within 10 target sectors.

With this visa, you can:

- stay in Australia permanently
- work and study in Australia
- enrol in Australia's public health care scheme, Medicare
- sponsor your relatives to come to Australia
- travel to and from Australia for 5 years
- if eligible, apply for Australian citizenship

Newly arrived residents may need to wait before they can access certain Australian Government payments and benefits. For more details and eligibility assessment please visit the Australian Government Home Affairs website here.

Rhett Henkel
Global Talent Officer
Immigration and Settlement Services Group| Department of Home Affairs

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