A message from our Pro Vice-Chancellor Graduate Research

This month, I have invited Dr Beppie Keane, our Graduate Research Liaison Coordinator (FOA) to provide the introductory message for Graduate Research Matters – over to you Beppie.

It’s now March, and 2023 is well underway. For many of us, that means we’ve settled into a routine for the year, as we work toward our goals for the year – we’re making our way through those reading lists, are enjoying going for walks or visiting the gym a few times a week or are exploring a new hobby. For graduate researchers, March might mean you’re preparing for Confirmation of Candidature or another candidature milestone, applying for a graduate research internship, working toward finishing an article or chapter, starting your fieldwork, or drafting a paper to deliver at an international conference. Maybe you’ve already ticked a few things off your 2023 to-do list!

On the flip side, March can also be the time when you realise that a goal set in January was unrealistic, when you find that there are some unexpected research hurdles to clear, or when disruptions outside of your control interfere with your carefully-laid plans. This is all a normal part of the graduate research experience (and life in general), but it’s frustrating nonetheless. It’s important at these times to take a moment to reflect on what you are continuing to achieve. Something that can really help at these times is reaching out to your graduate research community.
In the Graduate Research Liaison and Experience Team, we know that it’s crucial to build community amongst graduate researchers – these communities may be Faculty-based, Macquarie-based, or even international. Your graduate research communities can celebrate with you when things are going well and can be a vital source of support when you’re facing research challenges. For the Liaison and Experience Team, March means that we’re busy implementing and planning for a range of activities that will help you, as graduate researchers, make the most of your local and global graduate research communities through both your triumphs and challenges. For instance, we are:

- Organizing social events, seminars, and welcomes for new and current candidates.
- Working with Faculties to assess PGRF applications, which allows graduate researchers to engage with global communities through value-add research activity.
- Enhancing peer mentoring opportunities for graduate researchers.
- Planning for graduate research conferences, such as Research Frontiers in the Faculty of Arts, and the Macquarie Business School Grad Research Expos, and the Faculty of Medicine, Health, and Human Sciences MRes Completion Symposium.
- Celebrating your achievements via the Graduate Research Academy LinkedIn Network
- Preparing for the annual 3MT competition, which will provide you with a great opportunity to share your research, and learn about the research of others (check out last year’s winner, Ruby Stephens from the Faculty of Science and Engineering!)
- Laying the groundwork for GRA-Fest 2023, which will be an opportunity to end the year with a day of connection with fellow candidates, academic mentors, and industry experts.

We encourage you to take advantage of all of these opportunities to engage with the graduate research community. And if you have another idea for community building in your Faculty or across Macquarie, please do contact your Faculty Liaison Coordinator and/or one of our Candidate Experience Coordinators – we’d love to hear from you!

Beppie Keane (Faculty of Arts Liaison)
Viviana Bong (Faculty of Medicine, Health, and Human Sciences Liaison)
Jane Yang (Faculty of Science and Engineering Liaison)
Mel Hubbard (Macquarie Business School Liaison)
Alex Loveday (Candidate Experience Coordinator)
Andrew Dunstall (Candidate Experience Coordinator/Development Advisor)
GR Workshops

For a listing of 2023 workshops, please visit MyRDC website; please note new courses are progressively added.

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Saturday Writing Intensive MORNING session (ONLINE) 25 March 2023
Register here →

Saturday Writing Intensive AFTERNOON session (ONLINE)
Register here →

Word for Graduate Researchers (Online) 27 – 28 March 2023
Register here →

Excel for Graduate Researchers (online) 30 – 31 March 2023
Register here →

Science Writing for Publication Workshop 4: Writing the Methods [On Campus] 30 March 2023
Register here →

GR Statistical Consulting Service
Email peter.petocz@mq.edu.au to book appointment

Announcements

The National Industry PhD Program Open for Expressions of Interest

Important Dates
3 March
Closing date for the S2 2023 International Research Scholarship Round
The **National Industry PhD Program** will support PhD candidates to undertake industry-focused research projects and be equipped with the knowledge and skills to better translate university research into commercialisation outcomes. The program is expected to support 1300 Industry PhD’s over 10 years.

The program will commence from 1 July 2023. [Guidelines](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) have now been released, as has the [EOI form](#).

If interested in applying for this program, whether as a potential researcher, industry partner, PhD candidate or industry employee, please complete the [Expression of Interest](#) form and let gr.industry@mq.edu.au know of your application.

Closing date for S2 2023 International Master of Research program (candidature only)
Note: MQBS and Arts do not offer Year 1 commencement in session 2.

**4 March**
Opening date for the S2 2023 Domestic Research Scholarship Round
Opening date for the S2 2023 Domestic Road to Research Scholarship Round
Opening date for S2 2023 Domestic Master of Research program (candidature only)

**5 March**
Session 1 Last day to enroll (applicable to BPhil/MRes Yr1).

**17 March**
Session 1 Census date. This is the last date to withdraw without academic and financial penalty (applicable to BPhil/MRes Yr1).

**15 - 30 March**
Offers made for the 2023/2024 China Scholarship Council

A full calendar of important dates can be viewed on [Graduate Research Important Dates](#).

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**Beginning to Teach program**

**Researchers IMPACT Program**
Beginning to Teach (BTT) is a professional development program perfect for those who are just starting or have a couple of sessions of university teaching under their belt. BTT will be offered face-to-face on campus during the April mid-session break. BTT covers topics that are key to getting started with teaching at a university. Participants will have the opportunity to plan, present, and evaluate a short 'micro' teaching session and receive peer feedback.

For more information and to register, click here

The Researchers IMPACT Program will be back in 2023. The program is designed to provide a supportive pathway for assessment of IMPACT potential for Macquarie University research groups, researchers and HDR Candidates. After the program, you will have learned new skills to view your research through the lenses of your customers and investors and make evidence-based decisions for maximum impact.

The 2023 dates will be announced soon. Find out more information and register your EOI here.

News & Information

Your on-demand Research Skills Toolkit: no waiting, no time zones, no limits!

Sick of missing workshops because they’re full or run in the middle of the night for you? Need some advice on preparing a literature review, working with your supervisor, managing your research project, designing your study or collecting and analysing data? Want a certificate to prove you’ve developed a particular research skill?

If so, it’s time to open your Epigeum Research Skills Toolkit!
Thanks to the GRA and the Student Representative Committee (SRC), the Epigeum Research Skills Toolkit is available to all Macquarie graduate researchers: in fact, anyone with a MQ email address – supervisors, academic and professional staff, research and coursework students – now has access to these high-quality online courses.

To unlock the toolkit and start your personal research skills training, follow these steps:

- Go to https://courses.epigeum.com/register and complete the registration form using your MQ email address. When asked for a token, enter 390f6223
- Check your MQ email inbox for an account activation email and click on the link therein to activate your account.
- Once you have activated your account, log in using your chosen username and password combination. You will be shown the Epigeum programme in the My Courses screen.
- Click on a programme to see a list of available courses, and on a specific course to launch it.

When you’ve successfully completed a course, download your Certificate of Completion and add it to your CV! If you encounter any difficulties accessing Epigeum’s courses, please see the help page or contact the Epigeum customer support team via this webform.

For general enquiries about research skills training and support, email gr.development@mq.edu.au

Dr Juliet Lum
Graduate Research Development Manager

Library Endnote Training - Zoom workshops in Session 1, Week 2 & Week 6
EndNote is the most widely used bibliographic management software to help manage your references as you research and write. The Library is offering EndNote workshops via Zoom. Registration is through myRDC, with each workshop limited to 25 attendees.

The workshops cover the basics of the application and how it can facilitate your work by storing your references, attaching PDFs, and allowing you to cite and create bibliographies with ease.

All workshops are open to both Windows and Mac users, and are held over Zoom. Click the links below for information and registration.

- EndNote (Windows & Mac). **Wednesday 1 March 2:00-3:30 workshop**
- EndNote (Windows & Mac). **Thursday 2 March 2:00-3:30 workshop**
- EndNote (Windows & Mac). **Tuesday 28 March 2:00-3:30 workshop**
- EndNote (Windows & Mac). **Thursday 30 March 2:00-3:30 workshop**

**Let's equip with research data management skills!**

![Research Data Management Cycle](image)

On behalf of Research Ethics and Integrity, we congratulate and welcome you to Macquarie University! We wish you all a great research year to come.

At Macquarie University, research students are expected to manage their data well and meet all ethical requirements of research data management (RDM). To achieve these, new PhD students must (1) undertake a fundamental training module called
RDMOnline (iLearn) within three months of commencing as part of Central Commencement Program (CCP), and (2) complete lodgement of a Data Management Plan (DMP) to be submitted with Confirmation of Candidature (CoC).

We know you have a lot on your plate, so talk to your supervisor about your research and plan early. Check self-help resources on Data Management Planning page. And register for HDR DMP Orientation on Wed 3 May 2023 (online, 11am – 12pm). If you have further questions regarding DMP, contact us eresearch@mq.edu.au

Also, see below scheduled Research Data Management Planning workshop for HDR/MRes candidates.

Date: 3 May 2023
Time: 11 am – 12 pm
Title: HDR Data Management Planning (DMP) Orientation (zoom)
Register: Here

#GRR Get research ready: who, what, where, how?

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Feeling Grrr? Time to #GRR!

Recently started your degree? Supervising a new candidate? Not sure you have all the skills to conduct a high-level research project or what supports are available at Macquarie?

Come to our #GRR Get research ready: who, what, where, how? workshop to get started on the right foot. Investing just two hours now may save you two hundred wasted hours later!
Open to both supervisors and graduate research candidates, this workshop will provide you with a comprehensive overview of the resources available to develop your research and professional skills and progress through candidature, including:

- skills development workshops & resources
- library resources & support
- candidature provisions (taking leave, changes to candidature)
- progress reviews (check-points and milestones)

**Date:** Wednesday 31 March, 2023  
**Time:** 9.30am – 11.30am  
**Venue:** 16 Wally’s Walk, Room 127 Senate Room – in person only

Refreshments will be served.

Places are limited, so [register today!](#)

### Demystifying the examination process

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Are you close to submitting your thesis and want to know more about the examination process? Come along to our info-sessions on demystifying the examination process!

Opened to both supervisors and candidates, these info-sessions will provide an overview of:

- nominating examiners
- thesis submission
- examination timeframes and processes
- completion requirements
- progression from MRes to PhD
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For further information, contact: gr.exams@mq.edu.au (candidates) or gr.supervision@mq.edu.au (supervisors).

**Master of Research Information Session**

Discover how research training can harness your potential and allow you to pursue your passion. We’re investing in developing top researchers and the Graduate Research Academy (GRA) invite you to join us.

**Date:** 17 March 2023  
**Time:** 10am-12pm  
**Location:** Online  
Register Here

Hear from Professor Simon Handley, PVC Graduate Research as he explains how the MRes program can enhance your employment opportunities, with international recognition for your qualifications.

This will be followed by the opportunity to join a Faculty-designated break-out room for questions and to find out more about your proposed research area and how to apply. Meet key Faculty academics and GRA staff.

Contact: gr.commencement@mq.edu.au  
Graduate Research Academy

**Graduate Research Supervision**
Upcoming ThinkWell Workshop: Creating the Seven Secrets of highly successful research students

You know what your higher degree research (HDR) student should be doing, but it just doesn’t seem to be happening. Despite your best efforts to set up good habits for your student, it does not work. Why is this, and what can you do to make completing a research degree easier for your students and for you?

Students attending the seven secrets workshop have consistently reported a marked improvement in their progress towards completing their research degree. Now they have asked us to please tell their supervisors the same things!

This course gives you practical strategies to deal with common problems such as:

- supervisor/student relations
- dealing with writer’s block
- attitude (or lack thereof!) in relation to HDR – it’s not a Nobel prize
- getting your student to seek help when they are stuck
- the student who never has enough time
- treating the research degree like a job
- keeping on going when the going gets tough

**Date:** Friday 31 March  
**Time:** 9.30am – 11.30am  
**Delivery:** Online

Don’t miss out! [Register now!](#)

**Upcoming info-sessions**  
For a full list of 2023 info-sessions, please visit the [Supervision Enhancement website](#).
2 March

Cotutelle/Joint PhD Programs

Register here ➔

Demystifying the examination process - MRes (Online)

Register here ➔

23 March

Demystifying the examination process – PhD (Online)

Register here ➔

31 March

Get research ready: who, what, where, how?

Register here ➔

Need further information? Contact the Supervision Enhancement team for help:

gr.supervision@mq.edu.au

Dr Karen Laughton

Supervision Enhancement Manager

Scholarships

Open: International Scholarships for Session 2, 2023

International Research Training Program scholarship (iRTP) and International Macquarie Research Excellence Scholarship Program (iMQRES).

Applications close 3 March 2023. For details, refer to the GRA website.

The Road to Research (Master of Research Year 2) Scholarship

Applications close 30 April 2023. For details, refer to the GRA website.
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