A message from our Pro Vice-Chancellor Graduate Research

This month, I have invited Dr Juliet Lum, our Graduate Research Development Manager, to provide the introductory message for Graduate Research Matters – over to you Juliet.

Stay safe and stay well,
Professor Simon Handley, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Graduate Research

Significant illness has affected my household over the last few years and has taught me many lessons. As a carer, I was reminded that it’s not just the patient who has cancer; the whole family has it. Everyone is affected and needs TLC.

Now while I’m not suggesting that a research degree is a disease (although there are moments when you may feel that!), there are times when it’s important to remember that your PhD/MRes journey is not just yours to walk alone. It affects those in your social circle, especially your close family.

Your nearest and dearest will be there to celebrate with you when you finish chapters, papers get published, your thesis is submitted, and you receive your testamur. But they’ll also feel your pain when things are going awry with your research, the experiment fails, you’ve spent five months exploring a dead-end, or your paper gets rejected for the third time.
This isn't to make you feel guilty for inflicting pain on those around you. It's a little nudge not to leave it all to your thesis Acknowledgements page to recognize them. Why not give your partner and other members of your cheer squad a word of thanks, a hug, a card, a token of appreciation, or a public shout-out today? There doesn’t need to be a milestone or achievement to celebrate: they’re there for you, and that’s worth noting.

And what’s more: expressing gratitude will not only encourage your loved ones but will very likely lift your spirits and motivation too!

*Dr Juliet Lum, Graduate Research Development Manager*

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

### GR Workshops

For a listing of 2022 workshops, please go to [MyRDC website](https://www.mq.edu.au/graduate-research). To receive announcements for GR Workshops please ensure you have enrolled in our [iLearn site](https://www.mq.edu.au/graduate-research/courses)!  

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Register now ➔

Data for Graduate Researchers (online)

Register now ➔

9 – 10 June 2022

Canvas (Online via Zoom)

Register now ➔

9 June 2022

ONLINE Science Writing for Publication Workshop Series.
Workshop 8: The Discussion

Register now ➔

17 June 2022

ONLINE Science Writing for Publication Workshop Series.
Workshop 9: Writing the Abstract and Title

Register now ➔

21-23 June 2022

Winter Graduate Researcher Writing Retreat (ON CAMPUS)

Register now ➔

21-23 June 2022

Winter Graduate Researcher Writing Retreat (ONLINE)

Register now ➔

27 June 2022

ONLINE Science Writing for Publication Workshop Series.
Workshop 10: Responding to Reviewers

Register now ➔

Announcements
GRAfest2022

GRAfest is a two-day conference designed to provide Macquarie graduate researchers with opportunities to connect and learn.

In 2021 our sessions were on Resilience and Employability. We'd love to hear what candidates would like us to focus on in 2022. Take our quick pulse survey to have your say.

Starting and scaling a startup can be an overwhelming challenge.

Our industry-leading education programs demystify the process and equip founders with the skills and knowledge to turn vision into brilliant reality – from marketing to sales, legal, corporate governance and more.

If you have an idea you’re looking to launch we want to hear from you, now’s the time to join us.

Educate, collaborate, innovate.

Apply now to join the next cohort of MQ Incubator residents: Applications close June 27th
Important Dates

6 June
Exams Start – Session 1 (applies to BPhil/MRes Y1).

13 June - 22 June
Offers made for S2 2022 International and Domestic Road to Research Scholarship.
Offers made for S2 2022 Domestic Research Scholarship.

15 June
S1 2023 International Research Scholarship applications open.
S1 2023 International Road to Research applications open.

24 June
Exams End – Session 1 (applies to BPhil/MRes Y1).

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

Termination of Candidature Policy

The Graduate Research Continuation Policy and Graduate Research Continuation Procedure will be available for comment on the Policy Central Bulletin Board.

These will replace the current Higher Degree Research and Master of Research Termination of Candidature Procedure.

All feedback welcome.

News & Information

Research collaboration and PhD Cotutelle opportunities with the University of Groningen
In early May 2022 Macquarie University hosted a delegation from our strategic research and Higher Degree Research partner, University of Groningen in the Netherlands. The representatives from both universities met to discuss deepening of research collaborations and the funding schemes that are available to support these initiatives.

Macquarie University has extensive research collaborations with University of Groningen through the PhD Cotutelle program, which is supported by Macquarie PhD Cotutelle Scholarships and travel funding.

The Cotutelle program is a PhD program where a candidate is jointly enrolled at two universities and spends time at each university. A candidate is jointly supervised by staff at both institutions and upon successful completion of the program, the candidate graduates from both universities with a Doctor of Philosophy.

To date, 32 PhD candidates from Macquarie have graduated with a PhD Cotutelle award from Macquarie and Groningen, 25 candidates are currently enrolled in the Cotutelle program between the two institutions and 9 are under examination. The disciplines of research study for the thesis projects are diverse and range from Cognitive Science, Philosophy, Biological Sciences, Anthropology, Indigenous Sciences, Security Studies and Criminology, Geography and Planning. Cotutelles with the University of Groningen are available in other disciplines as well.

If you are interested in a Cotutelle with the University of Groningen, please let gr.international@mq.edu.au know and we will get in touch.

There are travel grants available to academics who wish to establish a cotutelle project as well as to students who are interested in pursuing a cotutelle and wish to establish a collaboration with a prospective Groningen supervisor before commencing the application for Cotutelle. Applications for the travel grants are open now and close on the 10th June 2022.

Photo (left to right):
Macquarie University Deputy Vice Chancellor – Research, Professor Sakkie Pretorius,
University of Groningen Director of the Federation of Graduate Schools in Social Sciences and Humanities,
Associate Professor Konstantin Mierau
University of Groningen Senior Policy Advisor and Regional Manager Oceania and Japan, Ms Alicja Sobecka
Macquarie University Pro Vice Chancellor - Graduate Research, Professor Simon Handley
Macquarie University Graduate Research Academy Operations Director, Dr Louise Dwyer
Macquarie University Graduate Research Academy Strategic Programs Manager, Ms Agnieszka Baginska

Graduate Research Supervision
Upcoming ThinkWell Workshop – Shameless Self-Promotion

Come along and hear about how to develop your one-minute pitch and present yourself effectively for promotions, grants, awards. Presented by Hugh Kearn from ThinkWell, this workshop will look at:

- Asking for what you want
- Why waiting isn't enough
- Using convincing language
- Self-promotion
- Networking, mentoring and collaborating
- Putting yourself in the spotlight
- Media and other methods to communicate

**Date:** Wednesday 8 June  
**Time:** 9.30 - 11.30am  
**Delivery:** Online

Don’t miss out! [Register now!](#)  

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

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Graduate Researcher Winter Writing Retreat: 21-23 June 2022
Our ever-popular Graduate Researcher Writing Retreat is coming back on campus this June 2022!

This 3-day writing retreat provides a structured program to help you make good progress on your thesis. Each day timetables large chunks of quiet writing time so you can dedicate your energy and focus to the task of writing. There will also be daily activities to keep you on track. And you’ll be able to book in for individual consultations with a Graduate Research Advisor.

If you’ve been looking for an opportunity to dedicate a sustained amount of time to work on your thesis, and to be in the company of fellow HDR candidates on a similar journey, this retreat is for you. As places are limited, we can only accept participants who are able to commit to the full three days of the retreat. We hope you can join us!

*To apply for a place for the Winter Writing Retreat please register at myRDC.* You will also need to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) and have your supervisor approve your attendance. Further details are on the [myRDC registration page](https://myrdc.mq.edu.au). Registrations close on **Friday 10 June**.

For candidates who are **not able to come on campus but would still like to participate in the retreat**, you have the option of **joining us online via Zoom**.

**Journey map your HDR with the Research Canvas**
In June, the MQ Incubator will be offering the second module of its EXPANSIVITY Program: Journey Map your HDR with the Research Canvas. The EXPANSIVITY program enhances the way HDRs can journey through their research life by using a design thinking and creative research lens. Tools, concepts and strategies used in the program enable participants to approach their research in a more insightful and powerful way. These skills are transferable beyond graduation, too. Come and learn how!

Course 2: Journey map your HDR with the Research Canvas is available either face to face or online. The face to face option is a full-day event held on 8 June, 10am-4pm (lunch is provided). The online option for the course is held over two Zoom sessions on 15 June and 17 June, 10am-12.30pm.

Winter Training Program: Research Data Management
The Digitally Enabled Research (DER) team is running a Winter Training Program on Research Data Management. The program will consist of the following five streams:

**Data Management Planning (DMP) Orientation**
Online sessions providing a walkthrough of new DMP form in FoRA

**Active Data Management Using Cloudstor**
A mix of online and in-person sessions to familiarise researchers with the Cloudstor data storage platform, its associated tools and services

**LabArchives Webinar Series**
Online series on LabArchives, an electronic notebook facility that provides unlimited storage, automated backup and data protection

**LimeSurvey**
Online sessions on LimeSurvey, a powerful tool for conducting web-based surveys

**Repositories, Metadata and Data Dissemination**
Learn about OSF, Dryad, Zenodo, Macquarie’s Research Data Repository (on Figshare) and expand your knowledge of metadata and data dissemination

Sessions will be scheduled in June and July 2022. For more details including registration links, please visit the [DER Winter Training Program Page](https://page.mq.edu.au/index.php/email/emailWebview?md_id=25444).

**Scholarships**

[Image: Cotutelle and International Opportunities](#)
[Image: GR Scholarships](#)
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