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This month, I have invited Agnieszka Baginska, our Graduate Research Strategic Programs Manager to provide the introductory message for Graduate Research Matters – over to you Agnieszka.

Stay safe and stay well,

Professor Simon Handley, Pro Vice-Chancellor Graduate Research

My career to date has taken me through numerous Higher Degree Research and Research support roles. These days I am thrilled to work with the Graduate Research Academy team in an area that is focused on enhancing the Higher Degree Research experience of candidates through a variety of programs that enable research collaboration with international institutions and industry organisations.

Since 2003, when I first commenced working at Macquarie as a casual administrative assistant, to the present day, I have witnessed the University going from strength to strength in the number and quality of international and research end-user collaborations.

Did you know that Macquarie University has the oldest dual degree PhD program in Australia in which it has achieved the most completions by any Australian university? Between 1999 and today, Macquarie has hosted 504 Cotutelle and Joint PhD
Candidates. Increasingly, our International Strategic Partnerships are leading to earlier identification of joint supervisory teams, PhD topics, funding opportunities. Our Strategic Partners recognise the excellent research training and preparation for the rigours of the PhD that is provided within the Master of Research program. MRes candidates – this is a great opportunity for you!

The University has had considerable success in establishing attractive PhD projects with a focus on applied research through a significant number of highly competitive schemes such as the Industrial Transformation Training Centres, Linkage Projects, Collaborative Research Centres, Partnerships with CSIRO, the Sydney Quantum Academy, Rozetta Institute, to give just a few examples.

The University’s researchers are actively pursuing opportunities for funding of research degree projects by individual organisations, sometimes at significant scale; for example, through agreements for 10 PhD projects funded by one company. We are also seeing an uptick in the number of organisations willing to host an HDR internship.

The Strategic Programs Team in the Graduate Research Academy is focused on creating opportunities for career-enhancing exposure to industry and the community for all interested candidates. We support excellence of research done at the University by establishing and strengthening international research collaborations with institutions that are highest quality tertiary education and research partners. We are supporting the Government’s initiative to develop a strong pipeline of next generation researchers who have a deep understanding of industry engagement and can work effectively with industry to deliver practical real-world solutions. These PhD graduates will be ready to contribute to industry-focused innovation.

Our team is always available to guide supervisors, candidates and external entities on the ins and outs of the International and Industry programs. This includes how to source and establish a new opportunity, list of key Strategic International Partners, process guidance, funding information, guiding principles, etc.

Get in touch with us!

HDR International Strategic Programs (Co-tutelle and Joint PhD) gr.international@mq.edu.au

HDR Industry Strategic Programs (HDR industry-led and industry-driven research projects and HDR Internships) gr.industry@mq.edu.au

Funding-related matters for Industry and Joint PhD or Cotutelle Scholarships gr.funding@mq.edu.au

Currently enrolled Joint PhD or Cotutelle candidature matters gr.candidatesupport@mq.edu.au
Agnieszka Baginska  
Strategic Programs Manager

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

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## GR Workshops

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

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<td>Appointments recommended: contact A/Prof Peter Petocz (<a href="mailto:peter.petocz@mq.edu.au">peter.petocz@mq.edu.au</a>)</td>
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| 4 August – 8 Sept 2022 | Self-Editing course for Graduate Research Development | 9 August 2022 |
|                        | Want to join a Research Writing Group? (Info session) | (Register now) |

| 8-9 August 2022 | Excel for Graduate Researchers (online) | 16 August – 20 Sept 2022 |
|                | (Register now) | (Register now) |

| 15 & 19 August 2022 | Think like an entrepreneur and lean your HDR (FTF) | 16 August 2022 |
|                     | (Register now) | (Register now) |

<p>| 16 August 2022 | Humanities Research Writing Basics | NVivo for PC – Level 1 (FTF) |</p>
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### Announcements

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### PVC-Graduate Research Important Dates
Welcome to New Candidates, S2 2022

Newly commencing HDR candidates are warmly invited to attend our PVC-Graduate Research Welcome Session with Prof Simon Handley at 10am on 18 August.

Save the date! Email invitations will be sent shortly - we look forward to meeting you.

If you have any questions, please email gr.commencement@mq.edu.au

1 August
MRes Y2 commences for candidates starting in Session 2.

7 August
Session 2 Last day to Enrol (applicable to BPhil/MRes Y1). Session 2 Census date for candidates enrolled in MRes Y2, MPhil and PhD.

19 August
Session 2 Census date. This is the last date to withdraw without academic and financial penalty (applicable to BPhil/MRes Y1).

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

News & Information

The Write Kind of Retreat

Photos by Dr Andrew Dunstall and Dr Karen Laughton

The end of June saw a revival of our on-campus 3-day Winter Writing Retreat. For the past two years, our popular 3-day writing retreats have been run completely online and we were excited to run the retreat on campus once again.
Research writing is often carried out alone, in solitary workspaces. A writing retreats brings writers together into a shared social space, either physical or virtual, which has been shown to increase a writer’s focus and productivity.

At our most recent event, 24 graduate research candidates – united by a common goal: to write a lot – braved the chill (both inside and out) to make significant progress on their thesis writing over the course of three days. An additional three candidates joined in from interstate and internationally via Zoom.

Candidates spent most of the time working on their own writing, with some goal setting and goal reflecting to start and finish each day. The writing-intensive periods were broken up with a spot of lunch and a different post-lunch activity each day: a campus walk, a peer review and feedback activity, and a mindfulness session run by fellow GR candidate Gemma Perry.

Overall, this writing retreat was a great success for many of our candidates. As one candidate reported “the retreat was an amazing experience and incredibly productive. I achieved all my writing goals and even more.” Missed out on the Winter Writing Retreat and don’t want to wait until the Summer one? Wanting to find out if a writing retreat could help with your writing progress but unable to commit for 3 full days? Or perhaps you want to keep up your writing momentum gained from the Winter Writing Retreat? Then consider coming to one of our upcoming mini writing retreats. Our mini writing retreats are run monthly throughout Session 2 and take on several formats: online, on campus, 1-day, half-day, and ***introducing*** weekend sessions! Check out myRDC for all available sessions.

Graduate Research Supervision

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!

**ThinkWell Workshop**  
- Giving good feedback  

2 August  

**Info-session:**  
Demystifying the examination process - MPhil/PhD  

12 August  

Register here →

**Drop-in session:**  
Graduate Research examinations  

19 August  

Zoom →

**National Competitive Round - budgeting for a graduate research candidate**  

24 August  

Register here →

**Graduate Research Development**  

25 August  

Register here →

**Info-session:**  
Demystifying the examination process – MRes  

5 September  

Register here →

**Supervision forum series**

Our second supervision forum series will start in September! Come along and hear from experienced supervisors about supervising candidates undertaking industry research programs, how they support candidates completing a thesis with a creative component or publications, and how they navigate the examination process.

Don't miss out! Register now!

**8 September**  

Supervising candidates undertaking industry research programs or internships  

Register here →

**15 September**  

Supervising candidates writing a thesis with a creative component or a thesis by publication  

Register here →

**21 September**  

Managing the  

29 September  

Graduate Research
Thesis Submission and Examination Drop-in Sessions

The Graduate Research Academy will be offering multiple Thesis Submission and Examination drop-in sessions for MRes Y2 and PhD candidates over the next few weeks. If you have any questions regarding preparation, submission and examination of your thesis, we encourage you to attend any of these sessions. To register, please click on the relevant link.

27-July, 4.00-4.30 pm
PhD Thesis Examination Drop-In Session
Register here

04-August, 10.30-11.00 am
PhD Thesis Examination Drop-In Session
Register here

08-August, 2.00-2.30 pm
PhD Thesis Examination Drop-In Session
Register here

18-August, 11.00-12.00pm
MRes Thesis Examination Info Session (Face-to-Face)
Register here

16-September, 10.00-11.00am
MRes Thesis Examination Info Session (Face-to-Face)
Register here
28- September, 4.00-5.00 pm
MRes Thesis Examination Info Session (Online)
Register here

13- October, 2.00-3.00 pm
MRes Thesis Examination Info Session (Face-to-Face)
Register here

21-October, 10.00-11 am
MRes Thesis Examination Info Session (Online)
Register here

MRes Candidates – Progression to PhD

If you have just submitted your Macquarie Master of Research thesis or just received your thesis result and would you like to progress to PhD, please refer to the MRes to PhD Progression website for more information regarding the application process.

Think like an Entrepreneur and Lean your HDR

What does an HDR candidate have in common with a start-up founder? Although there are many similarities between the two, we attribute different reasons for successful outcomes. Whilst PhD graduates are applauded for their individual determination, we know that there are several underlying principles that lead start-up founders to quick success.

In EXPANSIVITY Module 3: Think like an entrepreneur and lean your HDR we explore those principles to improve your research journey and help move you towards graduation sooner. Sometimes we cannot rely on sheer determination alone. The mindset explored and developed will help you be more efficient, boost
the quality of your research and stay with you in your life beyond higher degree research.

The workshop is available either face-to-face (at Incubator) on campus, or online via Zoom.

Register [here](#) for Face to Face option, 15 & 19 August, 10am - 1pm (lunch provided), **OR**
Register [here](#) for Online option, 23 & 25 August, 10am - 12.30pm

**Three Minute Thesis Competition**

![3MT Logo](3MT.png)

All PhD candidates are encouraged to participate in this year’s [3MT Competition](#)! Hone your presentation skills, populate your professional network, and boost the visibility of your PhD project and your profile as an up-and-coming researcher.

Faculty Heats will be run in August, so start preparing your video entry! There’s prize money (for research purposes) to be won at both the Faculty Heats and MQ Finals, PLUS a special prize for each of the 12 finalists: an exclusive Pitch Masterclass, 1:1 Coaching, and a spotlight interview on [2SER radio](#).

Further information about 3MT can be found [here](#) or contact [alexandra.loveday@mq.edu.au](mailto:alexandra.loveday@mq.edu.au)

**HDR candidates talk about their experiences of researching into learning and teaching**
You are invited to join the **SOTL Seminar Series** featuring MQ colleagues presenting their experiences and approaches to undertaking Scholarship into Learning and Teaching (SoTL).

During August we have 2 HDR candidates lined up to present - Kate Manlik and Emma Jackson. The format will be a half hour presentation followed by a half hour workshop. It's sponsored by the Teaching & Leadership Community of Practice and open to all interested HDR students and MQ staff.

4 August 11am - Kate Manlik
"Available but not accessible: HDR student experiences with university COVID-19 support initiatives"
[Read more and register](#)

23 August 12 noon - Emma Jackson
"Positive and negative influences on mental health amongst HDR students during the Covid 19 pandemic"
[Read more and register](#)

**Library EndNote training – Zoom workshops**
The Library is offering EndNote workshops via Zoom. Registration is through myRDC, with each workshop limited to 25 attendees. All workshops are open to both Windows and Mac users. You will need to have installed EndNote for Windows or Mac before the session.

- *EndNote* *(Windows & Mac)*. Tuesday 2 August 2:00-3:30. [Register here](#)
- *EndNote* *(Windows & Mac)*. Thursday 4 August 2:00-3:30. [Register here](#)
- *EndNote* *(Windows & Mac)*. Tuesday 30 August 2:00-3:30. [Register here](#)
- *EndNote* *(Windows & Mac)*. Thursday 1 September 2:00-3:30. [Register here](#)

EndNote is the most widely used bibliographic management software to help manage your references as you research and write. 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.

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