A message from our Pro Vice-Chancellor Graduate Research

Theodore Roosevelt said that there is nothing in the world worth having or worth doing unless it means effort, pain and difficulty. The most satisfying accomplishments in life take some effort to achieve – securing the acceptance of a first research paper perhaps, the completion of your research degree or a transformative research discovery. For me, last weekend, it was a 60-kilometre footrace along the Great Ocean Road, a present from my daughters, and the first ultra-run I have attempted in over 10 years.

For those that know the Great Ocean Road, it is an undulating route that is bordered on one side by the Southern Ocean and on the other side by the Otway ranges, a low coastal mountain range that rises to 432 meters above sea level. The race started in Lorne and finished in Apollo Bay, with some diversions along the way.

The route is extraordinarily beautiful, but we ran into a blasting headwind from the start that continued throughout. This is apparently quite normal in these parts! Despite this, I kept a steady pace for the first 30 kilometres or so and my training seemed to be paying off. It was only then that the real challenge began! The 60K runners were directed off the highway onto a rough made track that would wind its
way for 5k up into the Otway ranges. The views were beautiful but the suffering was close to unbearable. We returned to the Ocean Road only to be directed up a similar climb a couple of kilometres further on. There was no doubt I would have to work for my finishers medal. On returning to the road, there remained just 7 kilometres to the finish, a short run by most standards, but by then my legs had stopped responding to commands and my running had transformed into a slow and painful shuffle. Getting through those last miles was one of the most difficult things I have ever had to do. But I did it……I bloody did it!

It is easy to over use analogies, and I apologise for doing so, but if you were to describe completing a research degree it would have all of the features of my race. There will be a headwind from the very beginning but the views will be spectacular. There will be unexpected mountains to climb with some false summits and significant periods of suffering. There will be times when you feel that you are making little forward progress, but you will find the strength to drag yourself to the finish and my goodness, it will feel fantastic. Whether, it is a finishers medal that is hung around your neck or a testamur and handshake from the Vice Chancellor on the award of your degree, I promise, it will be worth the effort, pain and difficulty.

Stay safe and keep running!

Professor Simon Handley, Pro Vice-Chancellor Graduate Research

GR Workshops

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

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Announcements

Word for Graduate Researchers
15-16 June 2023
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Research Frontiers Conference - Faculty of Arts MRes Y2
20-22 June 2023
Register here

Science Writing for Publication Workshop 10:
Responding to Reviewers [On Campus]
27 June 2023
Register here

GR Statistics Consulting Service
Appointments are usually on Tuesdays 10am-12pm
Stay in the loop...
Email A/Prof Peter Petocz to book an appointment
Save the date - GRAfest 2023

30 November 2023 on campus. Stay tuned for more details!

Join the Graduate Research Academy for our annual GRAfest. Hear from supervisors, fellow researchers, and experienced research trainers over a full day of workshops, panel presentations and social networking in a conference dedicated to Macquarie's Graduate Research community.

Contact gr.conference@mq.edu.au

GR Winter Solstice Catch-Up

Meet & greet & eat

All Graduate Research student lunch

UBAR, Wednesday 28 June, 12.30pm

After a semester of hard work, join us to celebrate reaching the mid-point of the year. Meet new research peers, hear from colleagues, and unwind with graduate researchers across all faculties and departments.

Please RSVP here

Important Dates

1 June
Opening date for S1 2024 International Master of Research application (candidature only for both Y1 and Y2)

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

19 June
Opening date for S1 2024 International Research Scholarship Round
Opening date for S1 2024 International Road to Research Scholarship Round
23 June
Exams End – Session 1 (applies to BPhil/MRes Y1)

News & Information

Be Inspired: Faculty of Arts Research Frontiers Conference 20-22 June 2023

(image 1 – Shutter Stock Image)

Are you interested in contemporary Indigenous experiences, both online and offline? Do you want to know more about how Law and the social sciences are addressing climate change? Are you intrigued by how we understand race across cultures, or representations of women and LGBTQ+ communities in the stories we tell? Are you keen to learn about how magic was understood in the ancient world?

You’ll have the chance to engage with all of these fascinating topics and more at the Faculty of Arts Research Frontiers Conference (20-22 June), where MRes Year 2 candidates will present their research to the Macquarie academic community. Attendees from all Faculties are very welcome, and we hope you will join us.

To receive a full conference program, please sign up via myRDC, and we will send you the program in the week prior to the conference.
What do design thinking and research have to do with each other?

As trainee researchers, master and PhD students are in the business of producing new ideas for questions or problems they’ve identified.

Enter design thinking: It comes from product designers and program managers looking to formulate a system of steps for making new products, ideas, and services. They’re looking to innovate against the background of older devices, ways of doing things, or strategies that are no longer working as well as might wish.

Design thinkers might be producing a product or new process—or even research. The emphasis is always to return to the experience of the ultimate users of its product. You could say, its impact.

The beauty of design thinking is that as a set of process principles, they have found application in many industries – and they highlight some thinking skills that can be developed in many different disciplines.

Design thinking can lead to a historian working in an IT company like Google or a health scientist create more people-centred processes for clinical services. So, learning design thinking could be a real coup for your career planning.

Read more about design thinking here. You can learn design thinking applied to Graduate Research through the Macquarie Incubator’s Expansivity program.

3 Minute Thesis Competition
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!

To help you prepare, come along to Storytelling Your Thesis: Preparing for 3MT on Monday 26 June at 10:30-12:30pm (on campus). This session, delivered by Dr Megan Brewer and Dr Jen Rowland, has everything you need to know about entering and acing this competition! Register today.

There’s prize money (for research purposes) to be won at both the Faculty Heats and MQ Finals.

Further information about 3MT can be found here or contact alexandra.loveday@mq.edu.au

The 2023 Research Excellence Awards are closing soon
The 2023 Research Excellence Awards recognise the outstanding performance of Macquarie HDR Supervisors and HDR candidates in their pursuit of research excellence.

Current and former HDR candidates and HDR Supervisors are encouraged to apply for the following categories:

- **Excellence in Higher Degree Research Award** recognises outstanding research undertaken by a current or former higher degree research candidate in both HASS and STEMM based disciplines.
- **Excellence in Higher Degree Research Supervision – Supervisor of the Year Award** recognises Macquarie’s outstanding HDR supervisors who enable our HDR candidates to achieve their highest potential.

Application guidelines can be found on the [Research Excellence Awards webpage](https://page.mq.edu.au/index.php/email/emailWebview?md_id=32483). Questions related to the guidelines and application process should be directed to dvcr.researchexcellence@mq.edu.au

Applications close at 11:59 pm on 9 June 2023

Don’t miss out - you only have a short time left - apply now!

**Creative Thinking for Graduate Researchers**

Are you a higher degree research student looking to expand yourself in skills and mindset to get better prepared for a rapidly changing world? The Incubator’s EXPANSIVITY modules have you covered!
Across the four modules, you’ll learn essential tools and techniques to cultivate a creative outlook to your research and beyond, with feedback and support from the facilitator and peers as you develop your skills.

Through interactive exercises, group discussions, and real-life case studies, you’ll gain a deeper understanding of how to develop a design-thinking approach to your research projects, harness an entrepreneurial mindset to drive innovation, and use self-reflection to continuously improve your work.

But that’s not all. We also focus on future-fit skills for the workplace, such as adaptability, problem solving, and impact. By developing these skills, you’ll be well-prepared for the job market and the challenges that lie ahead in your research career. You’ll be able to tackle new and complex problems with confidence and collaborate effectively with colleagues from diverse backgrounds.

EXPANSIVITY is designed to equip you with creative thinking skills and knowledge to succeed in both the academic and professional world. So why not sign up today?

**Module 2: Using strategic thinking to create your key communication tool - June 2023**

*Journey Map your HDR with the Research Canvas* we borrow some tricks from entrepreneurs and create a one-page plan of your individual project. We’ll learn that iteration is key to true innovation. You’ll build a prototype of your whole HDR project that will become a key communication tool, whether you are in the proposal or implementation phase of your research.

**Workshop 1 - Wednesday 14th June 10:00am to 12:30pm in-person at the Macquarie Incubator**

**Workshop 2 - Friday 16th June 10:00am to 12:30pm in-person at the Macquarie Incubator**

Registrations close Friday 9th of June at 5:00PM

Please note, each module has 2 workshops, and both must be attended to be eligible for completion of the module and to receive a certificate of completion. Refreshments and Lunch will be supplied. We encourage you to network during lunch at the finalisation of the workshop.

For more information, please click [here](https://page.mq.edu.au/index.php/email/emailWebview?md_id=32483), or reach out to the Incubator team at incubator@mq.edu.au

**Research Data Platforms @MQ**
When carrying out research, it is essential to ensure that research data is always stored and managed securely and safely. At Macquarie, we offer access to several endorsed research platforms to assist HDR students and researchers in collecting, managing, and storing their data appropriately. Each platform is endorsed for different data sensitivity levels, ensuring your data is well-managed and safeguarded against accidental loss or security breaches.

To learn more about endorsed research platforms, along with useful links, please visit the Research Data Platform page or see below online zoom meeting details.

**HDR Data Management Planning (DMP) Orientation (zoom)**

Date: 28 June 2023

Time: 11 am – 12 pm


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Do you have an ORCID, a simple researcher identity solution?
ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) is a unique researcher identifier. ORCID acts like a DOI, but rather than identifying a digital object, it provides a lifelong digital name.

Researchers use their name in many ways: as authors, as investigators on grant proposals, as staff members at a research institute. These examples involve researchers using their name in transactions that require the sharing of information about research, contributions and affiliations. These transactions are stored in different information systems.

ORCID allows researchers to insert a unique identifier into these transactions, which makes it possible to easily group and collect research activities. ORCID is fully owned and controlled by the researcher. It doesn’t change, irrespective of funder, affiliation or field of research.

You can find more information about ORCID at https://libguides.mq.edu.au/researchimpact/orcid.

Did you know that you can easily create an ORCID, or link an existing one within the Macquarie University Pure Research Management System?

Please follow these step-by-step instructions to see how.

Please contact orcid@mq.edu.au if you have any questions about this process.

Context Sensitive Health Informatics (CSHI) conference
Good news! If you are interested in attending the Context Sensitive Health Informatics (CSHI) conference (It is a pre-conference to MedInfo 2023, the world medical informatics conference) - you are able to register for FREE as a full time MQ student! It is being held in Sydney on 5-6 July 2023.

Here are 5 excellent reasons to attend:

1. Full-time MQ students can attend free due to the generous sponsorship of Macquarie University / Australian Institute of Health Innovation (AIHI).
2. For normal registration, the fee is $300.
3. CSHI is a smaller conference (maybe 100 people usually with a strong international attendance) which makes it a great networking opportunity for researchers.
4. Speakers at the conference include our own A/Prof Robyn Clay-Williams and A/Prof Reema Harrison both from the Australian Institute of Health Innovation (AIHI) at MQ. Professor Paul Bowie (Safety scientist) from the UK is also a featured speaker.
5. The conference has a major focus on areas of interest to AIHI (implementation science, quality and safety, evaluation, usability).

Please use this link to register: https://www.cshi-imia.org/2023-sydney-conference

Supervision News & Information

Graduate Research Supervision
Upcoming workshop: Industry External Funding
Want to know more about industry external funding? Come along to this workshop to find out more about these funding opportunities and the administrative processes associated with them. The workshop is 1 hour in length and will be delivered online. There will be time at the end for a short Q&A.

**Date:** Wednesday 7 June  
**Time:** 2.00pm - 3.00pm  
**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.

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Need further information? Contact the Supervision Enhancement team for help: gr.supervision@mq.edu.au

Did you know? We are now full members of ACUR!

We are now full members of the Australian Council for Undergraduate Research (ACUR)! ACUR provides a raft of resources that supervisors can use to increase research interest in their undergraduate cohorts, which may lead to great MRes and PhD candidates in future!

Check out the resources here. Just request a new password through ‘Forgot password’ and with the use of your Macquarie email you will be allowed to nominate a password to access the resources.

**Scholarships**

Please find the list of [PhD Scholarships](https://page.mq.edu.au/index.php/email/emailWebview?md_id=32483) currently have available the latest round.
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