A message from our Pro Vice-Chancellor Graduate Research

Have you ever received a gift that is exciting, unique and perfectly suited to you, but that you are not sure that you really want? As a Christmas surprise, my two adult daughters signed me up to run a 60-kilometre race along the Great Ocean Road, the first time I will have done anything of this kind in over 10 years. I was simultaneously petrified and excited, imagining the thrill of running in such an extraordinary place whilst reflecting on the inevitable pain and suffering that this would entail. I love my daughters, but the gift led me to momentarily reflect on whether they share these feelings for their father – after all, a book and a pair of socks would have been just fine!

I am three months into my training and whilst I still suffer extreme trepidation, I am beginning to imagine that this thing might be possible after all. I am confident that I will be there at the start of the race but I am also beginning to realise that finishing will not be the key achievement. Instead, it is what I will do to get there that is important, the small steps that prepare you to do bigger things. Through my training, I have learned about my body’s capabilities, my cardiovascular fitness and leg strength has improved, my running form has developed and my speed and distance has increased. Over time, I have begun to start feeling like a runner.

What has any of this got to do with studying for a research degree you might ask? In the same way as finishing a foot race, completing your thesis will be deeply satisfying, but it will be what happens to you on the journey that will define your
achievement. You will build deep knowledge of your subject, develop analytic and
critical thinking skills, intellectual insight and entrepreneurial capabilities. You will
learn how to effectively communicate, to work as part of a team and to collaborate
and network with other researchers. Over time, you will begin to start feeling like a
researcher.

For you, like me, it will be what you achieve on the journey that matters, not the final
destination. Do let me know how you get on in your research adventures and I’ll be
sure to let you know what happens to me on the Great Ocean Road.

Stay safe and stay well,
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.

3-28 April 2023
Daily Virtual Writing Space (Mon-Fri afternoons) 5 April 2023
Starting well Ill: Show me the money!
Budgets & Funding

Register here ➔

6 April 2023
HASS Writing Workshop - Working with Theories in Research

Register here ➔

13 April 2023
One-Day Writing Retreat, ON CAMPUS

Register here ➔

20 April 2023
Self-Editing Course for Graduate Research Development

24 April 2023
Science Writing for Publication Workshop: The Results Section
[On Campus]
Register here  

Starting well IV: Make it Professional - Peer review & communication

Register here  

Stata: Inferential Bivariate and Multivariate Statistics

Register here  

Saturday Writing Intensive (AFTERNOON session)

Register here  

HDR Data Management Planning (DMP) Orientation (zoom)

Register here  

Thesis by Publication Workshop (STEMM)

Register here  

Announcements
Interested in a Paid Internship during your research degree?

Give yourself an advantage in securing a paid internship by proactively registering your interest with APR.Intern using a 'General Application'. Your profile will be published on the APR.Intern website for Industry partners to view your skills and experience, allowing them to consider you for a paid internship.

Register your 'General Application' at https://aprintern.org.au/available-internships/


Important Dates

28 April
Last date to withdraw without Fail. Financial penalty applies (applies to BPhil/MRes Y1)

30 April
Closing date for the S2 2023 Domestic Research Scholarship Round

Closing date for the S2 2023 Domestic and International Road to Research Scholarship Round

Closing date for S2 2023 Domestic Master of Research program (candidature only)

Closing date for the Australia Award Scholarship applications (MQ deadline)

Note: MQBS and Arts do not offer Year 1 commencement in session 2.

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

News & Information

Research collaboration and Global PhD – Visit to University of Groningen
Last week’s visit to the University of Groningen, Netherlands, by the Macquarie University delegation headed by the VC and President, Prof S Bruce Dowton has highlighted the extensive links and research collaborations, both established and emerging, in engaging talent from both universities.

Having had strong engagement through the neurolinguistics IDEALAB PhD program, both universities are seeking to amplify their research strengths across the faculties, building connections in Arts, Law, and Science and Engineering. We will soon see in these areas the emergence of dual PhD projects exploring the legal frameworks of transporting liquified hydrogen. The establishment of Macquarie University’s At-Scale and Consilience Research Centers will provide further exciting cross-disciplinary research opportunities.

Macquarie University provides support in establishing new collaborations and dual PhDs with the University of Groningen across our programs. Please contact gr.international@mq.edu.au for more information about international engagement opportunities and support available to our graduate researchers and academics.

2023 Academic Staff Awards – Excellence in HDR Awards
In 2023 Macquarie will again acknowledge the connection between research and learning and teaching by celebrating the Research Excellence Awards and the Vice Chancellor’s Learning and Teaching Awards under the one banner of the 2023 Academic Staff Awards.

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

The Awards will open in late April 2023 -
Start thinking about your application now.

*Be part of celebrating Macquarie’s research excellence.*

**What if the Library doesn't have a resource I need for my research?**
Macquarie University Library has an excellent collection developed over 50 years to meet the University's changing research needs. Still, no library holds everything and you might find there are items you need for your research that the Library doesn't hold or have access to. Don't panic, there are options.

**Interlibrary loans**
By using the [interlibrary loan service](#), you can request copies of books, articles, book chapters, theses and more from other libraries, and Macquarie University Library will source them from all around the world. Requests can be made through [MultiSearch](#) and you'll be notified when your item has arrived.

**Request a purchase**
If you need a book or ebook for your research and you think it would make a good addition to the Library's collection, you can ask the Library to buy a copy by making a [book purchase request](#).

Subscription-based resources like journals and databases can also be recommended, however these can be complex and need to be more closely assessed against budgetary and technical constraints. To recommend these, speak to your [Faculty Librarian](#) in the first instance.

## Reserve your spot at the Winter Offsite Research Writing Event

[Image of people writing outdoors]

Following the success of our residential writing retreats in 2022, the GR Development team are excited to announce that this event is running again from Monday 19 - Wednesday 21 June 2023.

Located on the tranquil grounds of [Peter Canisius House](#) in Pymble (just 15 minutes drive away Macquarie University), this unique event will provide graduate research
candidates the opportunity and space to focus on their writing away from everyday distractions.

Places are limited and will be allocated to candidates on a first-come-first-served basis, providing they satisfy the conditions outlined on the registration page. Please ensure that you read all the information before applying. For any questions about this event, please contact the GR Development Team at gr.development@mq.edu.au

MQ Incubator Researchers IMPACT Program 2023

The Macquarie Incubator’s Researchers IMPACT Program is back! This 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. At the finalisation of the program, you will have learnt how to articulate what you are doing and why, and you will have the opportunity to Pitch to Panel to secure $20K in non-equity bearing seed funding to support for your research. Find out more about the program from last year’s participants here or apply now! Applications close 16 April 2023.

Creative Thinking for Graduate Researchers
The Incubator’s EXPANSIVITY modules for Graduate Researchers expands your skills and mindset to help you get better prepared for a rapidly changing world.

Module One: Design Think your HDR Toolkit is all about design thinking. Learn all about the buzz of design thinking by doing a full design round with your peers. It’s a full-on learning-on-the-job experience that will get you thinking about your HDR journey from the inside out: using empathy to understand common pain points and ideating ways to solve them.

For more details see Link.

Wednesday 17th and Friday 19th May

Catered lunch provided

Register Here

Data Management Plan (DMP)
Ready for researching? First thing first, you need a research data management plan (DMP) before you start touching/generating/handling your data. The best way to manage research data may vary depending on the type of data and research. It is important to ensure that the data is handled in an ethical way, and that the privacy and security of individuals is protected. Therefore, create DMP as early as possible to outline how data will be collected, created, stored, accessed, organised and shared throughout the research process.

If you are a new PhD student or commenced 2022 onwards who is required to complete a formal DMP, or need to understand more about data and management, come along to an online HDR Data Management Plan (DMP) Orientation on Wed 3 May, 2023 register here.

Graduate Research Supervision

Supervision Forum Series

The Supervision Forum Series is on again! Come along and hear from experience supervisors about how they support and guide their candidates.

Don't miss out! Register now!

**Week 1: Supervision practices**
Date and time: 10.00am - 11.00am, Wednesday 3 May
Register here

**Week 2: Maintaining progress and resolving differences**
Date and time: 10.00am - 11.00am, Wednesday 10 May
Register here
Week 3: Supervising candidates undertaking industry research programs or internships
Date and time: 10.00am - 11.00am, Wednesday 17 May
Register here

Week 4: Excellence in HDR Supervision
Date and time: 10.00am - 11.00am, Wednesday 24 May
Register here

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

Foundations in HDR Supervision

A friendly reminder that all supervisors are required to complete the Foundations in HDR Supervision course every four years to maintain currency and continue to supervise candidates.

If you are unsure if you need to complete the course, visit the 'Foundations in HDR Supervision' website for instructions on how to check your training expiration date in Workday.

Scholarships