A message from our Pro Vice-Chancellor Graduate Research

This month, I have invited Louise Dwyer, our Graduate Research Operation Director to provide the introductory message for Graduate Research Matters – over to you Louise,

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

One of the hallmarks of my job is the unexpected… the unforeseen, unpredicted, chance, often filled with unanticipated challenges. As a trained scientist, and like many of you, I love to apply rules, control variables, and carefully measure outcomes. Where there is an unexpected result, I need time to consider the factors, data, and assumptions before making a modest assertion of the cause and effect. However, life, and research, often don’t unfold that way!

Our professional and personal lives have changed remarkably in the last two years because of the pandemic. On reflection, bringing two children into our family, two periods of parental leave, and an entirely new GRA on top of the pandemic, I could never have predicted what life would look like now. What this has taught me is that I can be quite comfortable with the unexpected, and much like in research where serendipity can result in astounding breakthroughs, the unexpected challenges in my professional and personal life have turned out to be the most rewarding experiences.
No research degree is a linear journey, the research will take you down unexpected paths, and some of them may be dead ends. Some of them, however, might lead you to a chance discovery. Many of you seeking assurance and certainty in the uncertain world of research may find some calm in embracing the unexpected, and I encourage you to pursue those unexpected lines of enquiry – that might just be where you find the gold.

We have a team of Graduate Research Operations Officers who are here to facilitate your candidature journey from enrolment to completion and everything in between. The team are experienced, knowledgeable, and deeply committed to supporting you. Please do come and see the GRA team in 16 Wally’s Walk if you are faced with the unexpected challenges that life and research can bring.

Dr Louise Dwyer  
Operations Director, Graduate Research

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://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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Announcements

Pitch Ability Course
Are you interested in undertaking an internship this year? Do you want to

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develop your skills and confidence? Would you like to be able to 'sell yourself' for potential employment opportunities or career progression opportunities?

The Pitch Ability Course can help you. This workshop will be run by intangible communication, and will assist PhD researchers who are wishing to:

- Overcome a fear of public speaking
- Increase their confidence & professional presence
- Deliver great presentations
- Use public speaking to build business awareness
- Improve their English speaking skills
- Prepare for critical stakeholder presentations

You will be provided with individual pitch feedback and coaching, giving you confidence and skills to pitch to industry or stakeholders. This course will be required for any researchers wishing to undertake the iPREP Round 2 placement opportunity.

Register for the program here

**News & Information**

**Upcoming Thinkwell Workshop – Seven Secrets of Highly Successful Research Candidates**
Come along and learn about the secrets of highly successful research candidates. This workshop is particularly beneficial for those starting their Graduate Research programs however candidates at any point in their candidature are very welcome to join. Presented by Hugh Kearns from Thinkwell, this popular workshop will look at:

- how you deal with your supervisor
- how you structure your study time
- your attitude (or lack thereof!) in relation to your research
- dealing with writer’s block or having difficulty writing
- getting the help you need when you are stuck
- juggling multiple commitments and never having enough time
- keeping on going when the going gets tough

**Date:** Friday 19 August  
**Time:** 9.30am - 12.00pm  
**Delivery:** Online

Don’t miss out! [Register now](#)

Need further information? Contact the Candidate Experience team for help:  
[gr.commencement@mq.edu.au](mailto:gr.commencement@mq.edu.au)

**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 20 July  
**Time:** 2.00pm - 3.00pm  
**Delivery:** Online

Don't miss out! [Register now!](#)

**New info-sessions and forum series starting soon!!**

Did you miss out on the info-sessions and forum series in semester 1? Yes? Well, the great news is that they are running again in semester 2! Details about these upcoming events are now available on the [Supervision Enhancement](#) website.

**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.

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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**Three 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 the How to win the 3MT workshop on Tuesday 19 July at 2-3:30pm (on Zoom). This session, delivered by Pitch & Communication guru Peter Browne and our own Dr Megan Brewer, has everything you need to know about entering and acing this competition!

Register today: https://myrdc.mq.edu.au/registration/new/327261

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

OPEN NOW: Call for NEW joint projects
OPEN NOW: Call for NEW joint projects with St Andrews University for joint PhDs

An open call for graduate research supervisors at Macquarie to jointly prepare, with supervisors from St Andrews University, a proposal for a joint PhD program. Up to two fully funded (fees and stipend) scholarships will be provided for joint PhD programs.

This call is open to ALL schools at both Universities. Projects within an area of strategic importance to both institutions will be prioritised. Applications need to be submitted by University of St Andrews staff on behalf of the Macquarie supervisor by 30 September 2022.

Full details of the call, the composition of the application, selection criteria, student recruitment process, and funding details are available from the Graduate Research Academy. Please email gr.international@mq.edu.au for details.

Publishing Well: Open Access Publishing Strategies

Publishing strategically will maximise the exposure of your research and increase your chances of generating impact in your chosen discipline. Check this site for more information on Strategic Publishing: choosing outlets for your research.

Open Access publishing is a good choice and has a lot of advantages. Open Access publishing:

- makes your research outputs available to access globally without login restrictions
- makes research more visible, potentially leading to higher citation rates and impact
- makes your findings accessible more widely, including the public, industry, and researchers in developing countries.
Paying an Article Processing Charges (APC) is not the only way to publish ‘open access’ in journals. You can make your work open access in other ways including institutional repositories, publishing in open access journals and using Publish and Read (PAR) Agreements. For more information see the Library’s Open Access LibGuide.

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