



Productive Academic Workshop Series

This workshop series is presented by Prof. Inger Mewburn, the Director of Researcher Development here at The Australian National University.

Building a Second Brain for Writing

When you sit down to write a paper, book or thesis, do your notes help or hinder? Do you write a lot of notes and then have trouble finding them again? If you are struggling to keep all your research 'stuff' tidy and useful, workshop is for you!

In this workshop Inger will introduce you to several well known, systematic note taking methods. You'll explore these techniques in detail to find out what might work for you. We'll then explore a couple of systems for keeping your notes so you can find them again. We'll look at both analogue and digital note keeping systems and explore the relative merits of each.

The idea of this workshop is to equip you for super writing productivity - for life. If this productivity nerd-fest sounds like heaven to you, sign up!

Writing under pressure (strategies when you are short on time and long on ambition)

Academics often have to pick up and put down a piece of writing, making it hard to find focus and flow. PhD students can experience the same problems when they are forced to go part time to complete their project. Learn how to complete writing projects 'on top of everything else' and without losing your mind.

In this workshop, Inger, a prolific writer, shares her top strategies on getting that writing done, preferably within a standard working week. This workshop is suitable for anyone who reacts to the title and says 'Yes! This is what I need in my life!'. It helps if you have a writing project you're struggling to get done - we'll show you how to make progress.

18 Oct | [Building a Second Brain for Writing](#)

25 Oct | [Writing Under Pressure](#)



Thesis Proposal Review/Confirmation of Candidature boot camp

Our Thesis Proposal Review/Confirmation of Candidature boot camp is a three day 'deep dive' designed to help you finish writing your Thesis Proposal Review document and start putting together your presentation.

The TPR/Confirmation is the first and most important part of the ANU milestone process for HDR candidates. While the length of the document you have to write varies according to where you are enrolled, the basic format remains the same. The document should set out a clear research problem, situate your research proposal in the literature and tell the audience how you plan to carry out the research. The days will be quite long - from 9:30am to 4:00pm. Each day will feature a mix of short instructional workshops and time to write and think.

By the end of this boot camp you will have drafted key parts of your Confirmation

documentation - and have a solid plan to finish it by the deadline!

Expressions of interest close on Monday 23 September 2024.

Oct 9, 10 & 11 | [TPR/Confirmation Bootcamp](#)

PR for Academics

Good communication skills are fast becoming an essential part of the toolkit of any successful academic researcher. This really is the era of 'be visible or vanish.'

The PR for Academics series of workshops aims to assist HDR candidates to spread the word about their amazing work beyond the walls of the academy to the hugely interested audiences outside.

2 Oct | [Videos: from YouTube to TikTok](#)

16 Oct | [Working with the Media](#)

29 Oct | [Telling Great Stories](#)



Workshop Series: Career Doctor

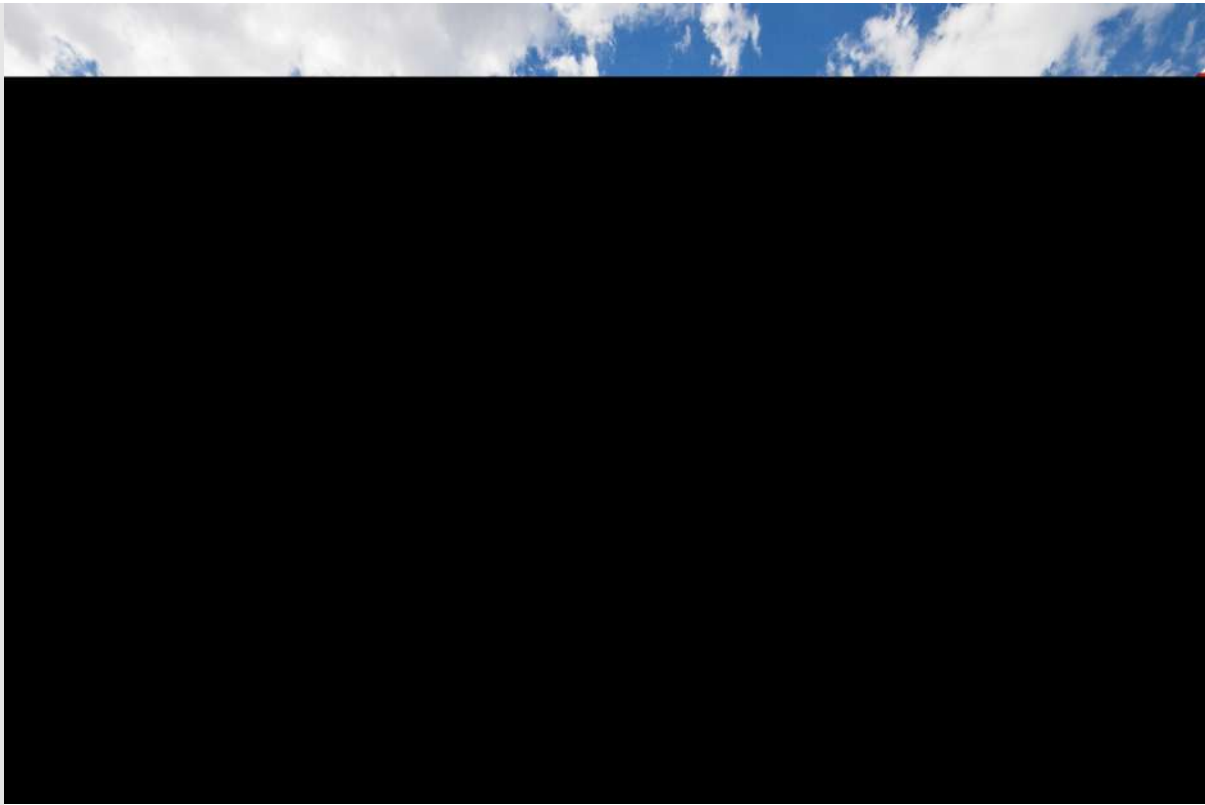
Dr Lindsay Hogan, a Learning Advisor specialising in research commercialisation, industry engagement and teaching is offering several workshops to help you navigate post-study employment.

The first workshop will cover transferable research skills, the second workshop explores the power of networking and the final workshop will delve into the vital connections between leadership, project management and teamwork.

Sep 20 | [Leaving academia: what are your transferable skills?](#)

Oct 15 | [Professional networking: Building Bridges and Breaking Barriers](#)

Oct 30 | [Collaboration: guiding teams and projects](#)



Research Fest - your chance to share you research methods

Research Fest 2024 - theme: Enhancing Research Impact -will take place from December 3 to December 5 in the Copland Theatre and other venues

We are currently looking for presenters for the Meet My Methods stream of the program. HDR candidates are invited to submit proposals for a 15-minute presentation that will enlighten, engage, and inspire attendees. We want them to to take a research method that they are passionate about and make it accessible to their research colleagues at ANU.

We are looking for presentations that:

- Give us a clear and concise explanation of the chosen research method. What makes it tick, and why is it important?
- Have real-world applications.
- Are relatable and relevant to a non-disciplinary audience.
- And are presented in an engaging way.

All Meet My Methods presenters will receive a \$100 gift voucher for Harry Hartog and will go in the running for the People's Choice prize.

Interested researchers should send a brief abstract (no more than 300 words) outlining their presentation that includes:

- Your name, school, and stage of HDR candidature
- The research method you'll be focusing on
- A catchy title for your presentation
- Three key takeaways for the audience
- Any tech. that you'd like to use with your presentation (slides, video, audio, etc.)

- The name of your primary supervisor.

This should be sent to researcherdevelopment@anu.edu.au with the subject line "Research Fest: Research Methods Presentation Proposal" by 15 October 2024.

Dec 3 to 5 | [Research Fest](#)

Resilient Researcher Workshop Series

Dr Shari Walsh, a registered psychologist is offering two sessions in September and October.

The first session will look at managing anxiety relating to difficult conversations; recognising conflict styles (in yourself and others) and learning to speak calmly and assertively in difficult situations.

The second session will help you better understand stress and research stressors. She'll also train you in daily actions for stress protection and strategies for managing extra stressful times.

Sep 18 | [Managing difficult conversations](#)

Oct 8 | [Stress Survival Kit](#)

Spooktacular Halloween Bash for HDR Students

Calling all ANU HDR students! Are you ready for a frighteningly good time? Join us for a hair-raising Halloween extravaganza that's sure to lift your spirits!

So, what's in store?

Halloween Trivia: Test your knowledge of all things spooky!

Poke-a-Pumpkin: Dare to discover what treats (or tricks) await inside!

Halloween Bingo: Mark off those creepy squares for a chance to win!

Costume Contest: Showcase your creativity and win the grand prize!

Treats, Drinks, and Nibbles: Fuel your fun with some Halloween-themed goodies!

But wait, there's more! This isn't just about the candy corn and costumes (though those are pretty great). It's also a fantastic opportunity to network and connect with various support teams from across ANU. Whether you're a vampire, werewolf, or just a sleep-deprived PhD student, all are welcome! Come in costume for a chance to win the best-dressed prize, or just come as you are – no pressure!

Register [here](#) and show up in your spookiest attire (or not – it's up to you!) and bring your Halloween spirit. No need to bring anything else – we've got all the treats and tricks covered!

Don't miss out on this wicked opportunity to mix, mingle, and maybe even let out an evil laugh or two. It's the perfect chance to take a break from your research and show us that even serious academics know how to have a good time. Register now and prepare for a hauntingly good afternoon! We can't wait to see you there – if we can recognize you in your costume, that is!

Note: This event is open to all ANU HDR students. Registrations are required for catering purposes.

Oct 31 | [Be afraid, be very afraid!](#)

Opportunities

Sep 18 | [STEM & Consulting Speed Networking](#)

Sep 18 | [Canvas Previews Webinar](#)

Sep 19 | [Understanding researcher performance metrics](#)

Sep 19 | [Introduction to GIS Analysis for Research \(GIS401\)](#)

Sep 19 | [Understanding Researcher performance metrics from Web of Science](#)

Sep 24 | [International Careers in Focus](#)

Sep 25 | [Research Skills 101](#)

Sep 26 | [Data-driven analytics from InCites for strategic partnerships in research](#)

Sep 26 | [Introduction to GIS Analysis for Research \(GIS401\)](#)

Sep 26 | [Data-driven Analytics from InCites for Strategic Partnerships](#)

Sep 26 | [Team Based Learning Workshop](#)

Sep 30 | [Editing for style and voice \(STEM\)](#)

Sep 30 | [ANU Association for Defence and Security Studies - Careers Night](#)

Oct 3 | [Introduction to GIS Analysis for Research \(GIS401\)](#)

Oct 3 | [HDR: Managing the Reading](#)

Oct 10 | [Literature Review Writing \(STEM\)](#)

Oct 11 | [Literature Review Writing \(HASS\)](#)

Oct 14 | [Thesis Proposal Reviews \(HASS\)](#)

Oct 17 | [Thesis Proposal Reviews \(STEM\)](#)

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