



HDR Update

Welcome to 2025! This is always an exciting time of year when we welcome a new cohort of researchers. I look forward to meeting you later in the year at the [HDR Induction](#) (Monday 7 – Friday 11 April).

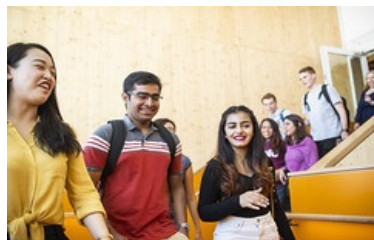
This week we are also celebrating the success of our graduands with graduation ceremonies taking place. Graduation is an exciting time on campus and offers an opportunity to stop and reflect on our achievement and the people who supported us along the way. You don't need to wait for graduation to do this. Celebrate all the wins, whether big or small!

This HDR Update Newsletter will provide regular information on upcoming opportunities, events and research training activities being offered across ANU to HDR candidates through 2025. Why not start the year by enrolling in one of our skill-building workshops designed to help you with your research, writing and career development. If there is anything you wish to see more of, feedback is always welcome and can be sent to my office: eo.pvcgr@anu.edu.au.

Professor Ann Evans

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Graduate Research)

Opportunities



Oral Exam Workshop & Home Stretch Briefing

Morning Workshop

While the oral exam component of the PhD is only compulsory for people starting after July 2024, being examined in person has many benefits for you. Come along to this session to learn what's involved in doing well during your oral exam.



Workshop Series: Career Doctor

Ready to plan your next career move? Create your own roadmap to turn your PhD skills into exciting opportunities - whether in academia or beyond.

The first and second workshops split across February 24 - 25 will help you take control of your future through practical career planning and self-discovery. Through engaging exercises, you'll uncover what you're

During this morning session we will cover:

- How an oral exam is organised and run at ANU
- What to expect on the day
- How to prepare and practice

Afternoon Workshop

Stop wondering what happens to your thesis after you submit it. This comprehensive online same day afternoon briefing gives you the knowledge and tools to navigate the submission and examination process with confidence.

A panel of experts will help you discover how examiners actually assess theses and what this means for your final preparation.

Through detailed explanations and plenty of Q&A time, you'll learn how to:

- Streamline your submission timeline Understand and meet examiner expectations.
- Prepare effectively for your oral examination (if you are doing one).
- Avoid common submission pitfalls.

Feb 17 | [Oral Exam Workshop](#)

Feb 17 | [Home Stretch Briefing](#)

really good at and what kind of work energises you. We'll look realistically at today's job market and show you clever ways to find opportunities you might never have considered.

The third workshop on March 31 shows you how to translate your research expertise into professional capabilities. Through before-and-after examples, you'll learn how to replace academic language with industry-focused descriptions that resonate with employers.

In the fourth workshop on April 22, you'll discover what universities really look for in postdoctoral candidates, understand the Vitae Researcher Development Framework, and learn effective techniques for addressing selection criteria. We'll help you develop strategies to effectively communicate your skills and achievements to potential academic employers and guide you in planning your academic career path.

Feb 24 | [Beyond the PhD: what's next for you? Part 1](#)

Feb 25 | [Beyond the PhD: what's next for you? Part 2](#)

Mar 31 | [Leaving academia: what are your transferable skills?](#)

April 22 | [Prepping for academia: how to spice up your CV](#)



Workshop Series: PR for Academics

The PR for Academics workshop series aims to assist researchers gain impact by communicating their research messages beyond the academy.

The first March 4 session looks at getting the best words down on the



Confirmation Bootcamp

Don't just survive your confirmation - use it as an opportunity to showcase your research capability and academic authority. This intensive three-day bootcamp gives you the tools, techniques and confidence to excel at this crucial milestone.

The program includes sessions on:

page and then editing them until they are perfect.

The second March 11 session will look at finding stories in your research that would appeal to these audiences and working out the best way to pitch them for publication.

The third March 20 session will give you an idea of how to become not just a writer, but an entrepreneurial writer with writing being both an outlet for your creativity and a potential source of income.

The fourth March 24 session will look at the key elements of storytelling and explore how to make your research come alive in the same way that great books, movies and theatre do.

Mar 4 | [Just Write Better and Less is More](#)

Mar 11 | [Writing for newspapers and magazines and The Conversation](#)

Mar 20 | [The Business of Writing](#)

Mar 24 | [Telling Great Stories](#)

- Crafting compelling abstracts and introductions
- Structuring complex academic arguments
- Handling challenging questions with confidence
- Using AI tools safely to enhance your writing
- Planning and managing your research timeline

You'll leave with draft documents, a presentation structure, and a clear action plan for completion. The bootcamp's blend of instruction and hands-on work time means you'll make real progress on your confirmation materials while learning essential academic skills.

Perfect for HDR candidates who are 3-6 months into their program and ready to start preparing for this milestone.

Mar 18, 19 - 20 | [Register Your Interest](#)

Do You Need Some Training in Social Research Methods?

There's a range of courses available free of charge to ANU HDR students!

Semester 1 2025

[SOCR8001](#) (Statistics for Social Scientists)

[SOCR8008](#) (Qualitative Social Research)

[SOCR8015/SOCS9015](#) (Human Research Ethics & Integrity: Principles & Practice)

[SOCR8082/SOCS9082](#) (Social Research Practice)

[SOCR8201](#) (Introduction to Social Science Methods and Types of Data)

Winter 2025

[SOCR8011/SOCS9011](#) (Mixed Methods Social Research)

Semester 2 2025

[SOCR8002](#) (Survey Data Analysis)

[SOCR8202](#) (Using Data to Answer

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SOCR8202 (Using Data to Answer Policy Questions and Evaluate Policy)

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Policy Questions and Evaluate
Policy)

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The poster is blue with yellow and white text. It features the ACT Policing logo at the top left. The main title is 'DO YOU FEEL SAFE IN THE CBD AT NIGHT?' in bold white and yellow letters. Below the title, it states: 'ACT Policing is undertaking research about our community's feelings of safety and perceptions of policing presence in the CBD at night.' A yellow box says 'WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!' followed by '18+ year olds who spend time in the CBD on Thursday, Friday and/or Saturday night'. A section titled 'HELP US UNDERSTAND YOUR...' lists survey topics: 'General feelings of safety', 'Perceptions on the level of police presence', 'Expectations of police', 'Motivations for attending CBD licensed venues', 'Feelings on any police interactions', 'Perceptions of community offending', and 'Attitudes towards intoxication and drug use'. It includes an 'ONLINE SURVEY' graphic, a QR code, and the text 'SCAN QR CODE OR USE THE LINK TO TAKE THE 5 MINUTE SURVEY' with the URL 'https://forms.office.com/r/FE33Xg9F7'. Social media icons and the website 'police.act.gov.au' are at the bottom.

Do you feel safe in
the CBD at night?
ACT Policing wants to
hear from you!

ACT Policing is undertaking
research about our community's
feelings of safety and perceptions
of policing presence in the CBD
Thursday through Saturday nights,
and we want to hear from you!

If you are 18+ and ever spend time
in the CBD on Thursday, Friday
and/or Saturday night, scan the QR
code to take the 5-minute survey to
help ACT Policing understand your
feelings on safety and perceptions
of police presence.

Link here: [Survey](#)

February

- Feb 1 | [CSIRO Industry PhD Scholarship Program EOI Opens](#)
- Feb 3 | [National Industry PhD Program Round 5 Opens](#)
- Feb 5 | [iPREP Biodesign internships - info session](#)
- Feb 10 | [ANUSA Postgraduate Welcome Evening](#)
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- Mar 25, 26 - 27 | [Editing Bootcamp](#)

Mar 28 | [Research Data Management](#)

Mar 31 | [Leaving academia: What are your transferable skills?](#)

April

Apr 1, 2 - 3 | [Literature Review Bootcamp](#)

Apr 4 | [NVivo Project Setup](#)

Apr 7 - 11 | [HDR Induction April 2025](#)

Apr 8 | [Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve Excursion](#)

Apr 8 | [Scholar's Dinner Registration](#)

Apr 8 | [Research Project Management Workshop](#)

Apr 22 | [Prepping for Academia: How to spice up your CV](#)



From the Thesis Whisperer

Read Inger's latest posts: [Shut up and say goodbye to 2024](#) and [The cultural underbelly](#)

Tune in and listen to the latest Podcast Episode: [Late stage capitalism wants us dead – what can we do about it?](#)

Roll of honour of candidates approved to graduate



- Adam Vai Delaney, PhD, CASS
- Alison Chew, MPhil, CoLGP
- Andrew David Garwood-Gowers, PhD, CoLGP
- Audrey Miranda Prasetya, PhD, CoSM
- Aurelie Kanishka, PhD, CoSS
- Benjamin Geoffrey Grace, PhD, CoSM
- Bikesh Gupta, PhD, CoSM
- Buse Turunctur, PhD, CoSM
- Caroline Helene Rosello, PhD, CoSS
- Marcus Kurt Birch, PhD, CoSM
- Maureen Montalban, PhD, CoLGP
- Nilupuli Punsara Senadhira, PhD, CoSS
- Nusrat Nusrat Haider, PhD, CBE
- Philip Weinstein, MPhil, CASS
- Polly Wallace, PhD, CoLGP
- Ray Yen, PhD, CAP
- Salome Wilson, PhD, CoSM
- Shan Liu, PhD, CoSM
- Shidi Li, PhD, CoSS

- Dani Maya Cribb, PhD, CoLG
- Elena Kate Williams, PhD, CAP
- Jade Wu, PhD, CoSM
- Jing Zhang, PhD, CoSM
- Joshua Mark Hammond, PhD, CoSM
- Kate Ann Harriden, PhD, CoSS
- Mar Andriel Santos Umali, PhD, CoLGP
- Tienan Xu, PhD, CoSM
- Trish Tupou, PhD, CoSM
- Vanessa Maria Howieson, PhD, CoSM
- William Malcolm Whitecross, PhD, CoSM
- YC Lin, PhD, CoSM
- Yue Zhang, PhD, CoSS
- Zejun Zhang, PhD, CoSS

Helpful services around ANU



- [Academic Skills](#)
- [Access and Inclusion](#)
- [Accommodation Services](#)
- [ANUOK Safety App](#)
- [ANUSA](#)
- [ANU Sport](#)
- [Careers and Employability](#)
- [Counselling Centre](#)
- [Pro Vice-Chancellor, Graduate Research](#)
- [Dean of Students](#)
- [Graduate Research Office \(GRO\)](#)
- [Library](#)
- [Medical Service](#)
- [Network for Early Career Academics \(NECTAR\)](#)
- [Office of Research & Innovation Services](#)
- [ANU Researcher Development](#)
- [Respectful Relationships Unit](#)
- [Security](#)
- [Statistical Support Network](#)
- [Tjabal Indigenous Centre](#)
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