HDR Update

The start of June marks the beginning of Winter in Canberra. There has already been some snow up in the mountains so hopefully it keeps up for all of our keen skiers.

You will all have seen the release of the Nixon Review Report. This is a damning account of behaviour in our university that has impacted HDR candidates, and failures of our people and systems to deal with complaints and bad behaviour. I have been tasked with providing a plan to respond to recommendation 11 in the report. An update on actions will be provided in OnCampus on the 1st of July.

The university is currently reviewing how we best support HDR candidates with their academic writing. As part of this process, individual consultations will no longer be offered through the library from end of June, 2025. We understand this change may be disappointing and appreciate your patience as we explore new ways to meet the diverse writing needs of our research community.

The Student Administration System, formerly known as ISIS, has been upgraded and is now live as ANUHub. Please use the guide to navigate the new platform, or for additional support contact Student Central.

Thank you to everyone who completed the PRES survey. The results will assist us in addressing concerns or issues and supporting what already works well.

Professor Ann Evans
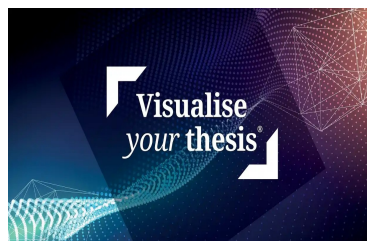Pro Vice-Chancellor (Graduate Research)

Opportunities

3MT

The Three Minute Thesis Competition Grand Final is one of the highlights of ANU's annual calendar. Limited to three short minutes and allowed only a single PowerPoint slide, this competition is the ultimate test of a researcher's communication skills.

Jun 4 | 3MT Tryouts #1

VYT

The Visualise Your Thesis competition challenges researchers to present a snapshot of their PhD research in a 60-second PowerPoint presentation. The results are often eye-opening and visually spectacular.

Aug 4 | Launch / Information Session

Oral Exam Workshop

ANU introduced an oral exam component to the thesis examination process in July 2024. Candidates enrolled before this date can take an oral exam as an option. Come along to this session to find out what is involved in an oral examination and how to prepare for it.

During this 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

Jul 16 | Oral Exam Workshop

Home Stretch Briefing

Come along and find out all about the examination process and how to make sure everything goes smoothly. In this session you'll also learn about The Home Stretch program: your personalised pathway to thesis completion. Get preferential access to writing bootcamps, coaching sessions, and productivity workshops tailored to your needs. Join a supportive community of final-year candidates and receive curated opportunities to help you cross the finish line.

Jul 16 | Home Stretch Briefing

Best Selling Book Writing Bootcamp

Transform your research into a bestseller. Over three Fridays, learn the art of crafting an irresistible book proposal that publishers may even compete to acquire. Open to all ANU researchers, including alumni and visiting faculty.

Aug 8, 15, 22 | Best Selling Book

Confirmation Bootcamp

This comprehensive bootcamp demystifies the confirmation process, teaching you how to demonstrate academic authority in both writing and presenting. Over three days, you'll develop your documents and presentation skills while learning practical strategies for research management and milestone success.

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.

Jun 3 | From TikTok to YouTube and Beyond
Jun 5 | Making Documentaries and Exhibitions
Jun 10 | Influencer 101
Jun 11 | Podcasting

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.

Jun 13 | Making the most of LinkedIn: build your professional brand
Jul 4 | Leveraging AI: your job application assistant
Jul 11 | Leveraging AI: your mock interviewer

ACSPRI Fellowship Program

The Australian Consortium for Social and Political Research is pleased to announce the 2026-27 round of the ACSPRI Fellowship Program, supporting the next generation of high-quality researchers in the social sciences, is now open for applications.

PhD candidates from ACSPRI member institutions and the full spectrum of social science disciplines and cogent fields are invited to apply now. Valued at $25,000, the fellowship will help PhD students to achieve their career goals, by providing direct financial support and professional development opportunities. Fellowship holders will receive an annual bursary for two years and financial support to participate in ACSPRI courses and events.

For further information please contact info@acspri.org.au or phone 03 8376 6496.

Stage 1 Applications close: 31 July 2025

Global Young Scientists Summit (GYSS) 2026
Singapore, 5 - 9 January

The ANU has been invited to nominate up to 5 participants in the prestigious Global Young Scientists Summit (GYSS) 2026. The Summit offers a series of activities, including live plenary lectures, panel discussions, Q&A sessions, and networking platforms. Participants will also stand a chance to be part of small group informal sessions with their pre-selected speaker(s), present their research on stage or through poster sessions, and visit institutes of higher learning and other prominent landmarks in Singapore.

Selection Criteria to apply:

- Show a genuine interest in science and research.
- Show a strong commitment to their principal field of study and to interdisciplinary work.
- Received the endorsement of an organisation that was invited to provide nominees (i.e. nominated through ANU).
- Be fluent in English to actively participate in discussions.
- Not have participated on-site in previous GYSS, with the exception for GYSS 2021 and 2022 (online editions).
- Not have a permanent position (in general, scientists with permanent positions).

The GYSS Committee will cover the cost of local hotel accommodation (for overseas-based participants), transportation between hotel and Summit venue and some catered meals.

Participants will need to arrange their own flights. Please considered apply for the Vice-Chancellor's HDR Travel Grant, if eligible.

Please email applications to the Graduate Research Office:

- One page addressing selection criteria above.
- CV (should highlight research interests, education background, awards and key publications).
- Letter of Support from a supervisor or head of school. Students enrolled in a coursework program must have their letter from the Associate Dean or College Dean endorsing the application.

Application deadline: COB 18 June 2025

Data Visualisation Competition

Are you a student researcher with a flair for data visualisation? Honours, Masters and PhD candidates are invited to enter the Statistical Support Network's (SSN) 2025 ANU Data Visualisation Competition!

Submit an original graphic that showcases your research, along with up to 300 words explaining the context and the insights your graphic conveys. If your graphic was created using R, please include the R code with your entry.

For more information on last year's entries, please click here and any questions can be directed to ssn@anu.edu.au.

Submissions close: 31 October 2025

Statistical support at your fingertips

Whether you're tackling complex data or brushing up on your analysis skills, the ANU Statistical Support Network (SSN) offers a wide range of resources for HDR candidates and academic staff across the University. From one-on-one consultations to tailored workshops, SSN is here to help you navigate the statistical side of your research.
Explore support through:

- The SSN website, which outlines available services and includes a form to request individual consultations.
- The SSN SharePoint (ANU login required), where you'll find:
  - A directory of Statistical People of Knowledge & Experience (SPOKEs) – volunteer academics across ANU who provide expert support and continuity across disciplines.
  - Curated topic-based resources, including written guides, recommended videos, and tutorials.
  - Information on drop-in sessions, boot camps, and grant support provided by SSN members.
  - A list of ANU semester courses on statistical methods, with links to detailed course information.

For more information or to access services, contact ssn@anu.edu.au.

June

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Jun 4 | 3MT Tryouts
Jun 4 | ANUSA Shut up and write session
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Jun 6 | ANUSA Shut up and write session
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Jun 11 | PR for Academics: Podcasting
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Jun 12 | ANUSA HDR Coffee Club
Jun 12 | ANUSA Shut up and write session
Jun 13 | Making the most of LinkedIn: build your professional brand
Jun 13 | ANUSA Shut up and write session

Jun 16 | Research to Value Workshop - Hosted by CBRN
Jun 18 | ANUSA Shut up and write session
Jun 19 | ANUSA Shut up and write session
Jun 20 | ANUSA Shut up and write session
Jun 20 | ANUSA HDR Unwind
Jun 24 | 3MT Tryouts
Jun 25 | ANUSA Shut up and write session
Jun 26 | ANUSA Shut up and write session
Jun 27 | ANUSA Shut up and write session

July

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Aug 12 | VYT Training Session 1
Aug 14 | VYT Training Session 2
Aug 14 | ANUSA HDR Coffee Club
Aug 5 - 15 | Entrepreneurship Competition for Students
Aug 19 | VYT Training Session 3
Aug 25 - 27 | Confirmation Bootcamp
Aug 29 | IP for your PhD

From the Thesis Whisperer

Read Inger's latest post: Is your supervisor neurodivergent?

Tune in and listen to the latest Podcast Episode: What does it take to be an entreprenerd

Interesting in reading more: Will the humanities survive Artificial Intelligence?

Roll of honour of candidates approved to graduate

- Charbel El Khaissi, PhD, CASS
- Nicole Roberta Macfarlane, PhD, CASS
- Miniature Malekpour, PhD, CASS
- Kirrily Rose Apthorp, PhD, CASS
- Yuqing Chen, PhD, CSS
- Mary Jiang, PhD, CoSM
- Xingyu Chen, MPhil, CSS
- Peipei Song, PhD, CSS

- Wing Shan Ip, PhD, CLGP
- Joseph John, PhD, CSS
- Jonathan Yik Chang Ting, PhD, CSS
- Muhammad Salman, PhD, CSS
- Eva Henningsen, PhD, CoSM
- Thisaranie Wijayabandara Herath Mudiyanselage, MPhil, CASS
- Daniel Brian Faktaufon, MPhil, CLGP

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
- University House
- Violence and Sexual Assault Support