



HDR Update

The weather is improving, days are getting longer, and August sees the return of blossoms and wattle. It's a good time to go for a walk in one of the many nature reserves in and around Canberra.

Thank you for your engagement with the Research and Innovation Portfolio change proposal and attending the proposal discussion with the Deputy Vice-Chancellor R&I and I a few weeks ago. We have held consultations with staff and HDR candidates across the university to get an understanding of how changes will impact our service delivery and support. We are working through the feedback we received and will be issuing an implementation plan for the portfolio informed by consultation and feedback. This is scheduled to be released on 11 August.

The McCusker Institute offers an opportunity to increase skills through the SoCIETIE Initiative. This initiative works to cultivate the skillsets and mindsets to tackle complex challenges, from local community issues to global concerns. You can enrol in Skills for Social Change certificate [here](#).

The [HDR Handbook](#) is live! Please continue to send your feedback and suggestions for continued improvement to eo.pvcgr@anu.edu.au.

Professor Ann Evans

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Graduate Research)



Semester Two HDR Induction

Join us for a comprehensive week-long induction program designed for new HDR candidates at ANU. This in-person event features workshops, information sessions, and social activities to help you navigate your research journey and connect with peers across the university.

Sep 1 - 5 | [HDR Induction September 2025](#)

Sep 2 | [Research Project Management Course](#)

Sep 2 | [NASA Space Station and Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve](#)

Sep 2 | [Scholar's Dinner Registration](#)

Further Development Opportunities



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.

Aug 8, 15, 22 | [Best Selling Book Writing Bootcamp](#)



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. Applications close 18 August.

Aug 25 - 27 | [Confirmation Bootcamp](#)



VYT

The Visualise Your Thesis competition challenges researchers to present a snapshot of their PhD research in a 60-second PowerPoint presentation.

Aug 4 | [Launch / Information Session](#)

Aug 12 | [Training Session 1](#)

Aug 14 | [Training Session 2](#)

Aug 19 | [Training Session 3](#)



Thesis Bootcamp

Challenge yourself to write 20,000 words in three days. Join our intensive thesis bootcamp with expert support, full catering, and a motivated community of writers. Applications close 9 August.

Sep 9, 10, 11 | [Thesis Bootcamp](#)

August

Aug 1 | [ANUSA Shut up and write session](#)

Aug 5, 12, 19, 26 | [Finding Balance: Skills for Handling Stress & Emotions at University](#)

Aug 5 - 15 | [Entrepreneurship Competition for Students](#)

Aug 7 | [ANUSA Shut up and write session](#)

Aug 8 | [ANUSA Shut up and write session](#)

Aug 11 | [Innovation ACT: Entrepreneurship Competition for Students Starts](#)

Aug 12 | [Research Data Management](#)

Aug 13 | [ANUSA Shut up and write session](#)

Aug 14 | [ANUSA Shut up and write session](#)

Aug 14 | [ANUSA HDR Coffee Club](#)

Aug 15 | [ANUSA Shut up and write session](#)

Aug 21 | [ANUSA Shut up and write session](#)
Aug 22 | [ANUSA Shut up and write session](#)
Aug 26 | [NVivo Project Setup Workshop](#)
Aug 27 | [ANUSA Shut up and write session](#)
Aug 28 | [ANUSA Shut up and write session](#)
Aug 29 | [IP for your PhD](#)
Aug 29 | [ANUSA Shut up and write session](#)

September

Sep 10 | [NVivo Project Setup Workshop](#)

Funding Opportunities



The Watervale Award

The \$20,000 Watervale Award is a competitive philanthropic grant open to research students and academic staff.

The Award supports research that focuses on Indigenous languages in public health, Indigenous identity, water, environment, education or development.

For further information and guidelines, please click [here](#).

Applications close: 3 August 2025



Innovation ACT: Entrepreneurship Competition for Students

Innovation ACT is an intensive entrepreneurship learning experience and competition, with a focus on learning and nurturing skills and passion. Over the course of two weeks, participants get to engage in the full start-up journey, from ideating, to customer validation, prototyping, and then pitching to a panel for up to \$10,000 in seed money.

This opportunity is open to students and staff at the Australian National University.

For further information and to register, please click [here](#).

Applications close: 5PM 8 August 2025



Tour de Cure Annual Grants 2025–2026 Round

Tour de Cure is a charitable organisation founded in 2007 to promote the prevention and control of cancer in human beings. PhD Support Scholarships with funding available up to \$10,000. Open to applications enrolled in a full-time program of research consistent with the objectives of Tour de Cure, leading to the awarding of a PhD or equivalent research doctorate. Applicants must be current holders of a PhD scholarship.

For further information please read the details on the [Tour de Cure website](#), and to view the guidelines and apply click [here](#).

Applications close: 9AM AEST 21 August 2025

Research visit to Canada: Mitacs Globalink Research Awards



Grow your potential, equip yourself with global experience and build new or strengthen international research collaborations with a Canadian university through the Globalink Research Award (GRA) program.

Open to full-time HDR candidates, the award provides funding to enable talented researchers to undertake one 12 to 48-week research project or two 12 to 24-week research projects with a host supervisor at a Canadian university.

For more information, please read the program details on the [Mitacs GRA website](#) or get in touch with eo.pvcgr@anu.edu.au.

Surveys and Consultations



ANU Student Disciplinary Framework Consultation

Contribute your views and experiences regarding the ANU Student Disciplinary Framework. Your input is highly valued and will help shape improvements to the University's approach to student discipline and wellbeing.

Option 1: Complete an [Online Survey](#)

Option 2: Book a Confidential 1:1 Consultation

Please email three different dates and times that are convenient for you to meet with your preferred consultation representative from the list below to the [Student Discipline Framework Review team](#) at SDFR@anu.edu.au.

Ms Bree Slater, Interim University Registrar
Associate Professor Jenni Bettman, Dean of Students



Project Assistance: Recruiting neurodivergent staff or students

Take part in a project to understand neurodivergent staff or students' experiences of working or studying at universities in Australia to inform the development of training materials and resources for others who might like to know more about how to work with neurodivergent folks.

Option 1: Take part in an online 1:1 interview that will be anonymised for analysis

Option 2: Take part in a filmed interview made in a similar style as the ABC documentary 'You Can't Ask That' where we seek to portray the humanistic experiences of being neurodivergent within institutional structures that are not necessary made to be inclusive of ND folks.

Participants will be remunerated for

Mr Scott Pearsall, Pro Vice-Chancellor (International and Future Students)

their involvement. For further information and to register click [here](#).



From the Thesis Whisperer

Tune in and listen to the latest Podcast Episodes: [AI powered research workflows](#): [Inger finally realises her dream to become a cyborg](#) and [Tiny Experiments \(and larger rants\)](#).

Roll of honour of candidates approved to graduate



- Andrea Papaluca, PhD, CSS
- Antoine Thanh Gansemer, PhD, CSS
- Cara Rose Parsons, PhD, CSS
- Cuneyt Caglar, PhD, CoSM
- Emily Rose Rees, PhD, CoSM
- Isabel Elsa Zeil-Rolfe, PhD, CoSM
- Isabel Meredith Mudford, PhD, CASS
- Jiaxi Dai, PhD, CBE
- Lumeng Yu, MPhil, CBE
- Mitra Jahandideh, PhD, CASS
- Peixin Zhu, PhD, CoSM
- Sarah Mann, PhD, CASS
- Sichao Li, PhD, CSS
- Songtuan Lin, PhD, CSS
- Yan Luo, PhD, CoSM
- Zixin Liang, PhD, CoSM

Helpful services around ANU



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- [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](#)
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- [Tjabal Indigenous Centre](#)
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