



## HDR Update

You would think that December in Australia would be warm. But summer in Canberra has kicked off with a coolish, windy day.

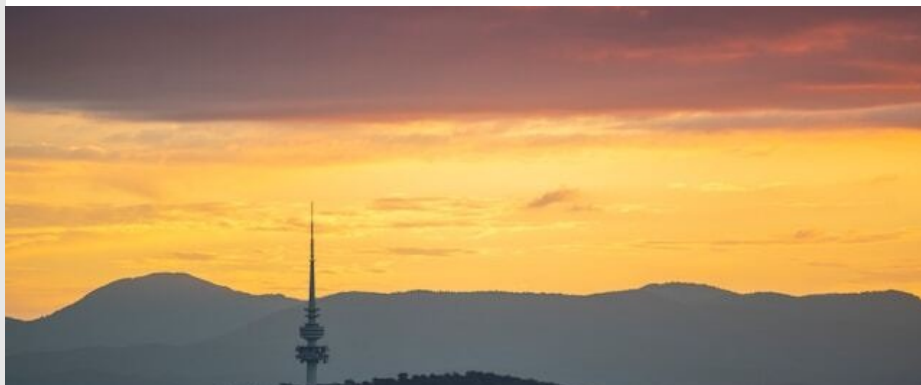
It's been wonderful meeting with many of you as I've been visiting each College to talk about the recent establishment of the Graduate Research School. There has been a lot of change in the university and we are working to ensure that the Graduate Research School will provide high-level and professional support for your candidature. We will update you through this newsletter as any changes are made.

Speaking of change – the way you apply for leave is about to change. Make sure you read the update below.

This is the last newsletter of 2025. I will be taking a break over January. I hope that you will take a moment to reflect on the year, have a break, and come back rested for another year of research. For those graduating, I look forward to celebrating with you at the January/February Graduation Ceremonies.

**Professor Ann Evans**

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Training)



### New HDR Leave of Absence Request launching 9 December

We're introducing a new Leave of Absence request process in ANUHub from Tuesday, 9 December. This change is designed to make things simpler and give you better visibility of your requests.

#### What's New?

- Submit your Leave of Absence request directly in ANUHub via a new button — no more eForms. This includes requests for retrospective leave.
- Respond to any information requests within the system (instead of email).
- See personalised messages and warnings as you complete your request.

- Improved visibility of submitted requests.
- Requests will automatically go to the correct Delegated Authority for approval.

#### What You Need to Do

- From 9 December, submit new Leave of Absence requests via a new button in ANUHub. This includes requests for retrospective leave.
- From 9 December, action your return from leave via a new Return from Leave button in ANUHub.
- Keep an eye on your email and the Graduate Research School SharePoint Hub for updates and guides.

If you have any questions, contact the Graduate Research School at [GRS@anu.edu.au](mailto:GRS@anu.edu.au).

## Development Opportunities

### 2026 - 2027 Fox International Fellowship (ANU to Yale)



The [Fox International Fellowship](#) is a graduate student exchange program between Yale University and other world-renowned partner universities including ANU. The Fellowship is a tremendous opportunity for postgraduate research candidates to engage in independent research at Yale University, audit classes, attend workshops, network with academics working in your field and join a vibrant Fox Fellowship alumni/ae group.

Further details about the Fox International Fellowship Program including how to apply is also available on ANU's scholarship's [webpage](#). Any questions can be directed to the [GRO](#) team.

**Applications close:** 14 January 2026

#### December

Dec 4 | [ANUSA Shut Up and Write Session](#)

Dec 5 | [ANUSA Shut Up and Write Session](#)

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## Funding Opportunities

### Australian Graduate Women 2026 Research Fellowships

Australian Graduate Women is pleased to announce that in 2026 it will award the following Fellowships

**Two (2) Barbara Hale Fellowships: Value \$10,000 each**

These Fellowships are open to students who, being Australian citizens or permanent residents, are enrolled in a research doctorate in any discipline at any Australian university.



**One (1) Jennifer Strauss Fellowship for studies in the Humanities: Value \$10,000**

This Fellowship is open to students who, being Australian citizens or permanent residents, are enrolled in a research doctorate in the Humanities at any Australian university.

Further details including the Application Guidelines and Form can be found on the [Australian Graduate Women website](#).

**Applications close:** 13 February 2026



## From the Thesis Whisperer

Read the latest The Thesis Whisperer post: [Stuck in the middle with you](#)

Tune in and listen to the latest Podcast Episode: [If AI is the hammer, do we have the right nails?](#)

## Roll of honour of candidates approved to graduate



- Ash Pascale, PhD, CoSM
- Ava Clifton, PhD, CSS
- Bryan Levina Viray, PhD, CASS
- Colin Milner, PhD, CASS
- David Owen, PhD, CoSM
- Kate Amanda Baxter Western, PhD (CPSYC), CoSM
- Kristen Sobeck, PhD, CLGP
- Lei Wan, MPhil, CLGP
- Mohammad Ibrahim Khalad,

- Don Matthews, PhD, CASS
- Eileen Gobu Bobone, PhD, CAP
- Emma Graham, PhD, CLGP
- Georgia Contantine Swan, PhD, CASS
- Huyen Thi Nguyen, MPhil, CLGP
- Hye-Jin Park, PhD, CoSM
- Imam Fathoni, PhD, CoSM
- Irina Samsonova, PhD, CASS
- Jacob Jorgen Kamateros Priergaard, PhD, CLGP
- Jade Catherine Anderson, PhD, CASS
- James Gardner, PhD, CoSM
- Jong Jin Lee, PhD, CoSM
- Julia Claire Rodwell, PhD, CASS
- Kai Hodgkin, PhD, PhD, CLGP
- PhD, CASS
- Mylene Michelle Rakena, PhD, CASS
- Nericia Brown, PhD (CPSYC), CoSM
- Paige Ebony Mewton, PhD (CPSYC), CoSM
- Pranami Goswami, PhD, CoSM
- Reynol Cheng, PhD, CLGP
- Robert Douglas Hardcastle, PhD, CASS
- Ruikai Cui, PhD, CSS
- Samuel Coggins, PhD, CSS
- Shridhar Manjunath, PhD, CoSM
- Yi Yu, PhD, CSS
- Yilin Ma, PhD, CSS
- Zhuoyu Li, PhD, CLGP

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