



## HDR Update

The Winter solstice in Canberra occurred on Saturday 21 June, marking the shortest day of the year in the Southern Hemisphere. To celebrate, Canberra had five consecutive nights below -5 °C. The last time this occurred was in 1965!

Recognise an outstanding HDR supervisor or administrator at ANU by submitting a [HDR supervisor of the Month Award](#)!

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

The Canadian government is supporting HDR research visits with universities across Canada through the Mitacs Globalink Research Awards. Read the details on this opportunity below and reach out to [eo.pvcgr@anu.edu.au](mailto:eo.pvcgr@anu.edu.au) if you are interested.

ANU has new rules for travel. Check out the new [University travel site](#), a central location for all travel-related content including links to the update Travel Policy and Handbook. We also have a new travel provider: [ATPI](#).

**Professor Ann Evans**

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Graduate Research)



## 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.

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](#)

### Individual Research Consultations

ANU Library can support you on your HDR journey. You can [book an individual research consultation](#) with a subject specialist librarian at a time that suits you, either online or face to face.

Ways a librarian can assist:

- help create a complex search statement using relevant keywords and subject headings and offer tips on refining the search strategy for the greatest retrieval of relevant material.
- identify relevant databases and grey literature resources in which to conduct literature searches related to your topic.
- explain how to retrieve full-text articles and use the Document Supply Service (DSS) to access hard-to-find full text articles for screening and review.
- help you use the reference management software EndNote to manage the research gathering process.
- provide information on accessing Covidence to assist with the literature inclusion/exclusion review process.

Take a look through our helpful guide, [Systematic Reviews in the Sciences](#), (useful for all subject areas) before you begin.

## Further Development Opportunities



### Conceptual Framework Workshop

This workshop will focus on your confirmation stage as a key milestone to address a common challenge: how can we best support you as doctoral candidates to effectively communicate conceptual aspects of your research to others? While you may have convinced your primary supervisor of your research question, but you will then need to find ways to communicate your research with many others - peers, panel members and finally examiners, as well as perhaps funders, publishers, stakeholders and research participants. In-person workshop with lunch provided.

Jul 18 | [Conceptual Framework Workshop](#)

### 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](#)

## Funding Opportunities

### 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](mailto:eo.pvcgr@anu.edu.au).

### Dr Clare Burton Scholarships

The Clare Burton Memorial Scholarship was established to honour and continue the work of Dr Clare Burton, a leading researcher, public sector administrator, academic, consultant and writer on



employment equity. The gift aims to help students complete research in equality in all spheres of endeavour including (but not limited to) employment, education, health, communications, engineering, and science.

Current research students at any Australian university, enrolled either full- or part-time in a research degree, focusing on gender equity, and having completed at least the first milestone of their research degree, are eligible to apply.

For further information and online application form, please click [here](#).

**Applications close:** 31 July 2025

## 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.

For further information please contact [info@acspr.org.au](mailto:info@acspr.org.au) or phone 03 8376 6496.

**Applications close:** 31 July 2025

## 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

## July

Jul 4 | [Leveraging AI: your job application assistant](#)  
Jul 11 | [Leveraging AI: your interview preparation assistant](#)  
Jul 11 | [3MT ANU Final](#)  
Jul 16 | [Oral Exam Workshop](#)  
Jul 16 | [Home Stretch Briefing](#)  
Jul 17 | [ANUSA HDR Coffee Club](#)  
Jul 22 - 23 | [Workshop: Nextflow for the life sciences](#)  
Jul 30 | [Workshop: NVivo Project Setup](#)

## August

Aug 4 | [VYT Launch / Information Session](#)  
Aug 5, 12, 19, 26 - [Finding Balance: Skills for Handling Stress & Emotions at University](#)  
Aug 8, 15, 22 | [Best Selling Book Writing Bootcamp](#)  
Aug 11 | [Innovation ACT: Entrepreneurship Competition for Students Starts](#)  
Aug 12 | [VYT Training Session 1](#)  
Aug 12 | [Research Data Management](#)  
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 entrepreneur?](#)

## Roll of honour of candidates approved to graduate



- Aaron Osborne, MPhil, CLGP
- Antoinette White, MPhil, CLGP
- Callum Sambridge, PhD, CoSM
- Dhruv Bhagtani, PhD, CoSM
- Elle Saber, PhD, CBE
- Emily Claire Hitchman, PhD, CAP
- Farid Attar, PhD, CSS
- Georgina Caire Lee, PhD, CoSM
- Jiayue Qiu, PhD, CBE
- Kaili Liu, PhD, CoSM
- Marcus James, PhD, CASS
- Riandy Laksono, PhD, CLGP
- Sarah Elizabeth Walker, PhD, CoSM
- Shubhankar Kapoor, PhD, CSS
- Sophie Colleen Stearn, PhD, CoSM
- Tunye Qiu, PhD, CLGP
- Vidushi Liyanaarachchi, MPhil, CSS

## 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](#)
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- [Statistical Support Network](#)
- [Tjabal Indigenous Centre](#)
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