



HDR Update

Canberra recently experienced its hottest day since 2020, reaching a high of 43.5 degrees Celsius. Even as a local, this was exceptionally warm for me, and I hope everyone stayed cool and hydrated.

Welcome to the first edition of the 2026 HDR newsletter. I hope you enjoyed a wonderful break. If you're new, welcome! This newsletter will provide regular information on upcoming training activities, funding opportunities and events being offered to HDR candidates across ANU.

Professor Ann Evans

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Training)



Development Opportunities

Oral Exam Workshop and Drop-in Sessions

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 a workshop or informal session to find out what is involved in an oral examination and how to prepare for it.



Feb 5 | [Workshop](#)

Feb 5 | [Drop-in Session](#)

Mar 5 | [Drop-in Session](#)

Apr 1 | [Drop-in Session](#)

Research Ethics Drop-in Sessions

The Research Ethics & Integrity team will be launching drop-in sessions to support researchers with their Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) applications.

Research Ethics Drop-in Sessions provide students and researchers with an opportunity to meet with the Research Ethics team for guidance and support on Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) applications, assistance with the Research Ethics Management System (REMS), and clarification of ethics requirements and processes.



These drop-in sessions will be held fortnightly from February to November 2026, alternating between in-person and online formats (upcoming sessions listed below).

For further details: [Training and Resources Website](#)
For any questions: human.ethics.officer@anu.edu.au

Feb 4 | [In Person Session](#)

Feb 16 | [Online Session](#)

Mar 4 | [In Person Session](#)

Mar 16 | [Online Session](#)

Apr 1 | [In Person Session](#)

Apr 13 | [Online Session](#)

Apr 29 | [In Person Session](#)

February

Feb 4 | [Research Ethics Drop-in Session \(In Person\)](#)

Feb 5 | [Oral Exam Workshop](#)

Feb 5 | [Oral Exam Drop-in](#)

Feb 16 | [Research Ethics Drop-in Session \(Online\)](#)

Feb 17 | [Home Stretch Briefing](#)

Feb 19, 20 | Beyond the PhD: What's Next for You? [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#)

Feb 19 | [Group Workshop: Finding Balance - An effective relationship with your HDR Supervisor](#)

Feb 17 | [ADHD Skills Group Information Session](#)

Feb 24 | [ADHD Skills Group Information Session](#)

March

Mar 3 | [PR for Academics: Just Write Better and Less is More](#)

Mar 4 | [Research Ethics Drop-in Session \(In Person\)](#)

Mar 5 | [Oral Exam Drop-in](#)

Mar 11 - 13 | [Jaw Boot Camp](#)

Mar 16 | [Research Ethics Drop-in Session \(Online\)](#)

Mar 17, 24, 31 | [Confirmation Boot Camp](#)

Mar 18 | [PR for Academics: Writing for newspapers and magazines and The Conversation](#)

Mar 19 | [PR for Academics: The Business of Writing](#)

Mar 26 | [PR for Academics: Telling Great Stories](#)

Mar 30 | [Leaving academia: what are your transferable skills?](#)



From the Thesis Whisperer

Read the latest The Thesis Whisperer post: [Reducing the cost of your digital academic life](#)

Tune in and listen to the latest Podcast Episode: [AI SEO - how does ChatGPT talk about you behind your back?](#)

Roll of honour of candidates approved to graduate



- Aarin Sirima, PhD, CAP
- Adam Laurence Bode, PhD, CASS
- Alex Wu, PhD, CSS
- Anna Normyle, PhD, CSS
- Barbara Taylor, PhD, CASS
- Bowen Wang, PhD, CSS
- Cassidy Shaw, PhD (CPSYC), CoSM
- Chad Burton, PhD, CSS
- Chamin Pasidu Hewa Koneputugodage, PhD, CSS
- Dana Jones, PhD, CoSM
- Dinith Adikari, PhD, CAP
- Emma Dunstone, PhD (CPSYC), CoSM
- Eve Cheng, PhD, CSS
- Fiannuala Morgan, PhD, CASS
- Garrett Tyler-Parker, MPhil, CBE
- Giverney Clare Florence Mary Ainscough, PhD, CASS
- Hannah Teresa Sheppard, PhD, CoSM
- Helen Ping, PhD, CBE
- Helen Rose Mitchell, PhD, CLGP
- James Perkins, PhD, CoSM
- Jeeeeun Shin, PhD, CoSM
- Jennifer Evans, PhD, CoSM
- John Douglas Tanner, PhD, CoSM
- Josh Coates, PhD, CSS
- Joshua Peter Liddy, PhD, CLGP
- Kunal Hansdah, PhD, CLGP
- Kyla Jane Quinn, PhD, CAP
- Lachlan Bailey, PhD, CSS
- Musashi Ayrton Koyama, PhD, CoSM
- Nadia Roberts, PhD, CoSM
- Nicholas Carroll, CASS
- Ojo-Ajogu Akuh, PhD, CoSM
- Oli Ahmed, CLGP
- Philippe Edmond Nashar, PhD, CoSM
- Rachel Maree Stuart, PhD, CSS
- Sam Sammut, PhD, CASS
- Samantha Jugovac, PhD (CPSYC), CoSM
- Seethalakshmi Kayanattath, PhD, CSS
- Shagufta Iqbal, PhD, CoSM
- Veblen Zhang, PhD, CSS
- Victoria Rose Marriott, MPhil, CLGP
- Wenting He, PhD, CAP
- Yuchi Liu, PhD, CSS
- Zhijie Huang, PhD, CoSM

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