



HDR Update

The weather is definitely turning, with nice chilly morning and lovely sunny days. If you are interested in the impact of climate change on autumn leaves check out this ANU research on [changing leaf colours](#). And don't forget that daylight savings time changes this weekend and you will need to adjust your clock back an hour this Sunday 5 April at 3am, or Saturday night before you go to bed. Enjoy the extra hours of sleep.

I look forward to meeting some of you at the [HDR Induction Week](#) (7–10 April). 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.

If you're further along in your candidature, with a complete or nearly complete draft ready for refinement, sign up to the [Editing Bootcamp](#) (1, 8, 15 May). Bring your manuscript and prepare to transform it from rough draft to scholarly contribution.

The Dean of Students Office has moved to Level 3 of the Chifley Building. If you have any issues, feel confused about aspects of University policies or procedures, the Dean of Students Office can assist. They are here to offer confidential, impartial advice and can help to resolve problems by acting as a neutral intermediary between students and the academic or administrative areas of the University.

Professor Ann Evans

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Training)



We're making great progress on several initiatives designed to improve our HDR candidate experience, and those who support them. Here's a quick update on what's coming up:

RRRR Training Milestone: We're in final testing stages, and assuming all is tracking well, we are aiming to release this later this month (April). Thanks to everyone who has supported this work so far. For more information about what this change means, please visit our dedicated SharePoint page here: [Rights, Relationships and Respect in Research \(RRRR\) Training is becoming a Mandatory Milestone](#)

Updated User Guides: Program Leave Requests in ANUHub: Following the launch of Program Leave Requests in ANUHub in December last year, we've made several improvements based on feedback from students and staff. To help you navigate these enhancements, the user guides have been updated. View the revised guides here: [New Program Leave Request + Approver Dashboard](#)

Upcoming Engagement: Future-State Submission Readiness Milestone: Our colleagues in ITS have been busy designing an enhanced Submission Readiness Milestone process aimed at improving the digital experience for HDR candidates and those who support them.

Over the coming weeks, we'll be running engagement sessions with ADHDRs, HDR Convenors, HDR candidates, and the Graduate Research School to gather feedback on the design and make final refinements ahead of implementation later this year.

Remember to visit the [Graduate Research School SharePoint](#) to stay up to date on latest news and information.

Development Opportunities

ACCESS-NRI PhD Internship Program

Are you a PhD student curious about professional pathways in scientific software? Interested in getting hands-on experience with the software that supports Australia's climate models? Maybe you're looking to broaden your experience beyond your PhD research? Or are you supervising PhD students who might benefit from this opportunity?

This 3-month internship provides an opportunity to work alongside ACCESS-NRI staff on activities related to the development, testing, and release of climate models as well as the supporting software and data that underpin them.



Benefits:

- Technical and professional skill development through hands-on experience.
- Career development in a collaborative, non-academic setting.
- A top-up scholarship.
- Support for approved travel and accommodation expenses for off-site candidates visiting the ACCESS-NRI office in Canberra.

Further information including application and selection process details can be found through the [ACCESS-NRI PhD Internship Program webpage](#) or reach out with any questions to the [team](#).

10 April | Applications Close

Postgraduate Training Program: ANU RNA Research Training Network (RRTN)

The Postgraduate Training Program: ANU RNA Research Training Network (RRTN), is designed to support PhD candidates whose research aligns with RNA-related fields, including molecular biology, engineering, therapeutics, computational biology, ethics, regulatory, governance, and policy.



Through the program, students can join a cross-disciplinary cohort and access additional training, development, networking, and internship opportunities through the Network.

We are particularly keen to reach eligible HDR candidates who are in the early stage of candidature, typically within the first 12 months, and who may benefit from this opportunity.

Further information including eligibility requirements can be found [here](#).

15 April | Applications close

Neurodiversity Reading Group

The ANU Disability Research Network is starting a Neurodiversity Reading Group! Readings will span the broad landscape of neurodiversity, including other ways of conceptualising and researching neurological difference and disability.



Our first text is Patrick Dwyer's 2022 article, [The Neurodiversity Approach\(es\): What Are They and What Do They Mean for Researchers?](#) — an accessible introduction to the concept and its key debates.

The group is open to research students and staff across ANU and we plan to meet monthly in a hybrid format, starting 29 April. Please contact [Laura Davy](#) and [Yvonne Simons](#) for more information and to join our contact list. No pressure to attend every session, and if there's anything we can do to support your participation, let us know.

29 April | First Monthly Meeting

Managing Research Data at ANU Training Module

Are you interested in strengthening your research



practice? Explore our new online training module "[Managing Research Data at ANU](#)".

Built on the PAI-C framework, this self-paced course gives you practical, reliable strategies for planning, organising, storing, and sharing your data throughout the entire research lifecycle. With clear examples, flexible learning, and tools you can put to work right away, the module supports you in meeting institutional and funder expectations while developing confident, sustainable data practices.

Please email repository.admin@anu.edu.au to request enrolment in this course.

April

- Apr 1 | [Oral Exam Drop-In](#)
- Apr 1 | [Research Ethics Drop-in Session \(In Person\)](#)
- Apr 2 | [ANUSA Shut up and Write](#)
- Apr 7 - 9 | [Semester One Induction Welcome](#)
- Apr 8 | [Research Project Management Workshop](#)
- Apr 8 | [ANUSA Shut up and Write](#)
- Apr 10 | [ANUSA Shut up and Write](#)
- Apr 13 | [Research Ethics Drop-in Session \(Online\)](#)
- Apr 23 | [Prepping for Academia](#)
- Apr 23, 30, May 7, 14 | [Finding Balance – Skills for an Effective Relationship with your HDR Supervisor](#)
- Apr 29 | [Research Ethics Drop-in Session \(In Person\)](#)

May

- May 1, 8, 15 | [Editing Bootcamp](#)
- May 7 | [Oral Exam Workshop](#)
- May 7 | [Oral Exam Drop-in Session](#)
- May 11 | [Research Ethics Drop-in Session \(Online\)](#)
- May 11 | [3MT Launch/Information Session](#)
- May 12 | [Professional Networking](#)
- May 14 | [PR for Academics: Standing and Talking](#)
- May 19 | [How to Win 3MT - Workshop 1](#)
- May 21, 28, Jun 4 | [Literature Review Bootcamp](#)
- May 22 | [PR for Academics: Working With the Media and Giving Good Interviews](#)
- May 26 | [How to Win 3MT - Workshop 2](#)
- May 27 | [Research Ethics Drop-in Session \(In Person\)](#)
- May 29 | [PR for Academics: Presenting on Screen](#)

Funding Opportunities

2027 Schmidt Science Fellows Program

The Schmidt Science Fellows program enables the world's best emerging scientists to pivot from their PhD discipline and pursue their goals through bold interdisciplinary research. Profiles of current Fellows can be found [here](#).

The Schmidt Science fellows program offers:



- A stipend of US\$110,000 per year (for up to two years, a total of up to \$220,000).
- A 12–24-month postdoctoral placement in a world leading laboratory.
- A Global Meeting Series.
- Personalised mentoring program.

Further information including the selection criteria and process can be found through the [Schmidt Science Fellows](#) website.

Please submit your completed applications through the [Schmidt Science Fellows 2027 – Fill out form](#).

Please reach out to hdr.opportunities@anu.edu.au if you need assistance with filling the form or have any queries.

22 April 2026 | Applications Close

2027 Scholarships at the National Library of Australia

Applications are now open for 2027 Scholarships offered by the National Library of Australia. PhD students who require access to the Library's collections to assist their postgraduate research are encouraged to apply for eight philanthropically funded Scholarships offered by the Library in 2027.



Successful applicants will each receive \$10,000 to support four weeks of on-site research at the National Library in Canberra, as well as supported access to the Library's collections, increased borrowing privileges, a dedicated desk in the Library's Petherick Reading Room, and an allowance for high resolution digital copies of collection materials.

Further information including eligibility requirements can be found through the [National Library of Australia Scholarships](#) webpage.

5:00pm 1 May 2026 | Applications Close



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: [A shameless plug!](#)

Roll of honour of candidates approved to graduate



Artadi Pria Sakti Sakti, PhD, CoSM
Asela Hevapatihige, PhD, CSS
Dan Brodie Schulz, PhD, CLGP
Fedor Kovalev, PhD, CoSM
Hanif Rasyidi, PhD, CSS
Hanwen Bi, PhD, CSS
Haoyi Li, PhD, CASS
Henry Zhu, PhD, CSS
Iko-Ojo Simon, PhD, CSS
Jennifer Munt, PhD, CASS
Jiazhen Xu, PhD, CBE
Jiwon Lee, PhD, CoSM
Kathleen McDermott, MPhil, CLGP
Lani Jane Davies, PhD, CoSM
Leena Amrutha, PhD, CoSM
Luke Woon, PhD, CoSM
Luyang Liu, MPhil, CBE

Michael Carne, PhD, CAP
Michelle Littlefair, PhD, CSS
Neng Lu, PhD, CoSM
Peidong Shen, PhD, CoSM
Pravin Khambalkar, PhD, CoSM
Preetham Permude, PhD, CoSM
Rebecca Jane Blake, PhD, CASS
Rikako Kono, MPhil, CoSM
Rollin Omari, PhD, CSS
Romitesh Kant, PhD, CAP
Rong Wang, PhD, CSS
Ryan O'Donnell, PhD, CoSM
Shuvagato Mondal, PhD, CLGP
Tom Lea-Henry, PhD, CoSM
Yitian Chen, PhD, CSS
Yow-Ming Robin Hu, PhD, CoSM

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