



HDR Update

September brings spring weather. In Canberra that can be hot, cold, windy or rainy. The past week has been beautifully warm, I hope you have taken a moment to enjoy it. With the blossoms comes pollen so many Canberrans will be experiencing hay fever over the coming month, hopefully not enough to stop you from getting out to enjoy [Floriade](#).

September is also the time for HDR Induction. I look forward to meeting and welcoming our newest HDR candidates, this time at the newly opened University House.

It was my great honour to attend the [Research School of Earth Science's Bake Your PhD Competition](#) as a judge. Candidates were required to express their research through the medium of baked goods. Congratulations to all the wonderful bakers, I really enjoyed tasting your creations.

We are very happy to be releasing our new Confirmation of Candidature forms on 3 September. You will be able to access it through [Researcher Hub](#) when it is time for your Confirmation of Candidature. Emails will be sent to you when it is released.

Professor Ann Evans

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Training)



Confirmation of Candidature coming to Researcher Hub

The next milestone in our digital transformation — **the Confirmation of Candidature** — will be launched in the **Researcher Hub** on **3 September 2026**. This update replaces the legacy eForm system with a streamlined, modern experience for both candidates and supporters.

Coming next to Researcher Hub will be the Annual Progress Review Milestone. Keep an eye on your emails throughout September for more information.

For more information or to access support materials, please visit the [HDR LifeCycle page](#).

Stay Connected

Keep up to date with the latest HDR process changes, resources and updates via the [Graduate Research School SharePoint site](#).

We appreciate your ongoing support as we take this next big step toward enhancing HDR candidature across ANU.

Spotlight on: Statistics Boot Camp and Research Fest

Statistics Boot Camp

This three-day 'deep dive' boot camp is restricted to 30 participants (so an early registration is strongly advised) and is designed to help you write a Data Analysis Plan and identify the statistics you need to conduct your research.

A Data Analysis Plan is a widely used and important way to structure the quantitative part of a research project. The DAP should set out a clear research problem, identify the data that is available or will be available to answer the problem, and set out how you are going to analyse the data right down to skeleton tables of results.

This boot camp will give you time and structured support to complete this document to a high standard.

8, 15, 22 Oct | [Registration](#)

Research Fest

This event is aimed at those who want to cut their teeth on the academic stage before they have to take that giant leap and present to a live audience at a conference. Research Fest 2027, the annual celebration of all things PhD is a great place to practice presenting to an audience before you hit the conference circuit.

To find out more, visit the [Researcher Development SharePoint site](#). To present your compelling research story [register here](#).

28 - 30 Oct | [Registration](#)

Disability Research Showcase



The ANU Disability Research Network is calling for proposals for its third Disability Research Showcase, entitled "From Conversations to Change: Actioning Disability Research for Societal Impact," to be held on 10 November 2026 at Acton Theatre, Crawford School of Public Policy.

Open to all ANU community members engaging with disability-related work, submissions can take the form of short presentations, workshops, roundtables/panels, or creative formats.

4 Oct | [Submissions due](#)

Library Services Offerings

CartoGIS Training Course

Are you interested to use GIS and mapping to support your research? The following CartoGIS training courses are available this semester:

- Introduction to StoryMaps
- Web Mapping with ArcGIS
- Georeferencing and Digitisation
- Introduction to ArcGIS Pro
- Introduction to GIS Analysis

Anytime, Self-Paced | [Sign up](#)



Managing Research Data at ANU

Strengthen your research practice with this new self-paced course, built on the [PAI-C](#) framework. Learn practical strategies for planning, organising, storing, and sharing your research data throughout the entire research lifecycle.

Anytime, Self-Paced | [Information here](#)

Open Journal Finder

The Open Journal Finder helps researchers identify suitable journals and check whether Article Processing Charges (APCs) may be covered through ANU Library's open access agreements. Users can quickly compare publishing options, APC eligibility, and open access arrangements to support informed publishing decisions.

Anytime, Self-Paced | [Link here](#)

2026 e-Grad School Offerings

September e-Grad School modules

Sign up now to join the five-week online modules designed to help researchers build practical skills, connect with researchers from other universities, and learn with experienced moderators.

14 Sep | [0 week Begins](#)

19 Sep | [Teaching starts](#)

23 Oct | [Teaching ends](#)



2026 e-Grad School Global Conference

The 2026 e-Grad School Global Conference – [What's Next for Research? Translating Innovation into Global Impact](#), is currently inviting abstract submissions.

Presentations are welcome across four areas: Emerging Technologies, Responsible and Ethical Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Commercialisation,

and Global Collaboration and Systems Impact.

Find further information [here](#).

30 Sep | [Abstract Submission Closes](#)

24 Nov | [Live and Online Conference](#)

Coming up: Development Opportunities

September

- 3 | [Oral Exam Drop-in](#)
- 3 | [ANUSA Shut Up and Write](#)
- 3 | [Using EndNote workshop](#)
- 4 | [ANUSA Shut Up and Write](#)
- 7 - 11 | [Semester Two Induction](#)
- 8 | [Research project management workshop](#)
- 9 | [ANUSA Shut Up and Write](#)
- 9 | [Introduction to StoryMaps](#)
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- 11 | [ANUSA Shut Up and Write](#)
- 11 | [Set4ANU Mentee Registration](#)
- 15 - 17 | [Thesis Boot Camp September 2026](#)
- 16 | [ANUSA Shut Up and Write](#)
- 16 | [Web Mapping in ArcGIS Online](#)
- 17 | [ANUSA Shut Up and Write](#)
- 18 | [ANUSA Shut Up and Write](#)
- 23 | [Cartography in ArcGIS Pro](#)
- 24 | [ANUSA Shut Up and Write](#)
- 25 Sep, 2, 9 Oct | [JAW Boot Camp](#)
- 25 | [ANUSA Shut Up and Write](#)
- 30 | [Leveraging AI: your job application assistant \(Part 1\)](#)
- 30 | [Using EndNote workshop](#)

October

- 7 | [Leveraging AI: your interview preparation assistant \(Part 2\)](#)
- 28- 30 | [Research Fest](#)



From the Thesis Whisperer

Read the latest The Thesis Whisperer post: [The 'P' in PhD does not stand for 'prompt'](#)

Tune in and listen to the latest Podcast Episode: [The bullet journal episode you've all been asking for!](#)

Roll of honour of awarded candidates



- Younghye Seo Whitney, PhD, CAP
- Kayla Ruskin, PhD, CASS
- Khalid Al Bostanji, PhD, CASS
- Maksuda Khanam, PhD, CASS
- Margaret Anne Norington, PhD, CASS
- Miriam Potter, PhD, CASS
- Ruby Ekkel, PhD, CASS
- Houren Hong, PhD, CBE
- Xiangru Qin, PhD, CBE
- Asrul Sidiq, PhD, CLGP
- Joshua Montgomery, MPhil, CLGP
- Khresna Satriyo, PhD, CLGP
- Manita Raut, PhD, CLGP
- Peter James Leavy, PhD, CLGP
- Ejiroghene Ruona Evivie, PhD, CoSM
- Hendrik Martin Heimes, PhD, CoSM
- Jason McGowan, PhD, CoSM
- Jennifer Halle Morton, PhD, CoSM
- Lachlan Owensby, PhD, CoSM
- Lixinyu Liu, PhD, CoSM
- Luyao Wang, PhD, CoSM
- Samuel Godwin, PhD, CoSM
- Ziwei Yang, PhD, CoSM
- Aiden Essery, PhD, CSS
- Di Zhu, PhD, CSS
- Ehsan Abbasi Shavazi, PhD, CSS
- Hugo Temby, PhD, CSS
- Wenkai Yang, MPhil, CSS
- Zara Hassan, PhD, CSS

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