

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Higher Degree Research Programs

DEAN'S WELCOME

I invite you to consider a program of higher degree research in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of New South Wales.

We are internationally recognised as a progressive Faculty with strengths in scholarship across the contemporary Humanities, the Social Sciences, Education and the Creative and Performing Arts. The Faculty makes a substantial contribution to UNSW's standing as a leading research-intensive university.

The Faculty combines outstanding scholarship in foundational disciplines and emerging interdisciplinary fields with a commitment to public engagement and social impact, to an international perspective, to professional development and training and to creativity and performance. We pride ourselves not only on the quality and breadth of our scholarship, but also on the way that this scholarship is used to address key contemporary social issues.

Building on our research expertise, we aim to make all students' experience of studying our courses intellectually stimulating and professionally apposite. Our graduates are leaders, critical thinkers and significant contributors to positive social change.

As one of our PhD or Masters by Research students, you will be joining an exceptional community of scholars and an impressive cohort of students. You will enjoy access to first-rate facilities and to supervisors who are at the forefront of their fields. You will be developing not only research and professional skills, but also a level of broad intellectual sophistication that is prized by employers in industry, the public sector, not-for-profit organisations, and education. At a personal level, your graduate student years should be among the most exciting and memorable of your life.

Please explore the opportunities we can offer you.

Professor James Donald
Dean



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Postgraduate Research Programs

The University of New South Wales is a founding member of the Group of Eight (Go8) key teaching and research universities in Australia, and is also a member of Universitas 21, a consortium of the world's leading research universities from Asia, Europe and North America.

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences is one of the largest faculties at UNSW and is located at the main campus in the Sydney suburb of Kensington, approximately 10 kilometres from the CBD.

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

UNSW was recognised as a national leader in the 2010 Excellence in Research for Australia report*. Arts and Social Sciences received top rankings across our disciplines, with recognition above world standard in most areas. UNSW was ranked in the top three universities in Australia for the social sciences, history, philosophy, languages, communication and culture and studies in creative arts and writing. The quality and excellence of our research is also recognised by strong results in recent rounds of funding from the Australian Research Council and other funding bodies.

The Faculty generates research that extends knowledge, engages and informs across a diverse range of areas and significantly impacts on public debate and policy. Research is conducted across the Faculty's schools and specialist research centres, providing a dynamic, interdisciplinary environment that supports postgraduate research excellence. Collaboration is strongly encouraged across the Faculty and university, nationally and internationally with other researchers and academics, governments, non-government organisations and industry.

RESEARCH STRENGTHS

- Creativity, Innovation and Learning
- Humanities Scholarship
- International Studies
- Screen and Media Cultures
- Social Policy, Government and Health

RESEARCH COMMUNITY

The Faculty offers a lively intellectual and collegial culture for higher degree research students. Our students are part of a diverse community of talented fellow researchers and have access to supervisors who provide dedicated support and guidance. Students benefit from our active research culture and are encouraged to engage in seminars, workshops, lectures and conferences.

* Excellence in Australia Report 2010, Australian Research Council

MASTER OF ARTS BY RESEARCH	DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
A Masters by Research degree requires completion of three courses and an original piece of research, more limited in scope and nature to that required for a PhD. Candidates develop mastery of appropriate methodology, and they present their findings in the wider context of their discipline.	A Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree requires completion of a piece of research that demonstrates a significant and original contribution to knowledge in the field of study. Candidates acquire advanced specialist research training and produce a thesis that summarises the research and provides evidence for independent thought and critical analysis, effective communication and expert knowledge of the discipline in the international context.
Duration	
Typically 1.5 to 2 years	3 to 4 years
Commencement	
Semester One (March) Semester Two (July)	Semester One (March) Semester Two (July)
Coursework	
Three courses required	
Dissertation	
The length of the dissertation for the MA by Research is between 30,000 and 40,000 words.	The PhD is a research only degree, which involves the completion of a sustained research project leading to the production of a dissertation of 80,000 to 100,000 words.
Minimum Admission Requirements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An appropriate four year Bachelor degree with Honours from an Australian university that includes a substantial research component; or ▪ A qualification or combination of qualifications considered to be equivalent by the Faculty Higher Degree Committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A completed Masters by Research including a substantial research component; or ▪ An appropriate four-year Bachelor degree with first or upper second class Honours from an Australian university that includes a substantial research component; or ▪ A qualification or combination of qualifications considered to be equivalent by the Faculty Higher Degree Committee.

HIGHER DEGREE RESEARCH SUPERVISION IS AVAILABLE IN THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINES

School of Education

- Assessment and Evaluation
- Cognitive Processes and Instructional Design
- Education of Gifted and Talented Students
- Educational Leadership
- Higher Education
- Language and Literacy Education, including Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and Languages other than English
- Politics and Policy in Education
- Special Education
- Technology-enabled Learning and Teaching

W: <http://education.arts.unsw.edu.au>

School of English, Media and Performing Arts

- Creative Writing
- English Literature
- Film and Cinema Studies
- Irish Studies (John Hume Institute for Global Irish Studies)
- Media and Communication Studies and Practice
- Modernism Studies (Centre for Modernism Studies in Australia)
- Music Studies and Music Composition
- Theatre, Dance and Performance Studies and Practice

W: <http://empa.arts.unsw.edu.au>

School of History and Philosophy

- Asian Studies
- Australian Studies
- Environmental Policy and Management
- European Studies
- History
- History and Philosophy of Science
- Philosophy
- Women's and Gender Studies

W: <http://hist-phil.arts.unsw.edu.au>

School of Languages and Linguistics

- Asian, European and Latin American Studies
- Bilingualism and Language Policy
- Cultural, Media and Film Studies
- General and Applied Linguistics
- Intercultural Communication
- Interpreting and Translation Studies
- Linguistics of languages other than English
- Literary and Historical Studies
- Second Language Acquisition and Teaching

W: <http://languages.arts.unsw.edu.au>

School of Social Sciences and International Studies

- Anthropology
- Criminology
- Development Studies
- Human Rights and Social Justice
- International Development
- International Relations and Security
- Policy Studies
- Political and Legal Theory
- Political Science
- Social Aspects of Health
- Social Policy and Social Wellbeing
- Social Work
- Sociology

W: <http://ssis.arts.unsw.edu.au>

Journalism and Media Research Centre

- Ethics and Practice of Journalism
- Digital Technologies and Cultures, including Mobile and Social Media
- Social, Cultural and Health Impacts of Media Consumption
- The Evolving Media Landscape

W: <http://jmrc.arts.unsw.edu.au>

National Centre in HIV Social Research

- Anthropology and Sociology of Medicine
- Health Psychology and Health Communication
- Sexuality, Gender and Kinship
- Social and Behavioural Research on HIV, Hepatitis C and Related Diseases
- Social and Political Dynamics of Health, Medicine and Sex and Drug Practices

W: <http://nchsr.arts.unsw.edu.au>

Social Policy Research Centre

- Care
- Disability, Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Households, Families and Communities
- Indigenous people
- Inequality, Poverty and Social Ex/Inclusion
- Social Policy Administration and Organisation

W: <http://sprc.unsw.edu.au>



RESEARCH STUDENT SUPPORT

Research students have access to first-rate facilities including an extensive university library, 24-hour access to computer resources and an email account. The Faculty provides on a competitive basis individual access to workstations, support for research costs, conference attendance and opportunities to gain teaching experience. Each School/Centre has a Postgraduate Research Coordinator who coordinates and administers their higher degree research programs. The Postgraduate Research Coordinator is responsible for overseeing the candidature of each postgraduate research student and can provide advice about all aspects of candidature at the School/Centre level. The Postgraduate Research Coordinator can be contacted regarding the possibility of conducting a research program in their area and assist you in contacting an appropriate supervisor.

For a list of School/Centre Postgraduate Coordinators see

<http://www.arts.unsw.edu.au/future-students/postgraduate-research/research-coordinators>

SCHOLARSHIPS

UNSW assists postgraduate researchers by providing a wide range of prestigious scholarships. These scholarships range from annual stipends, living allowances and tuition fee costs, to travel scholarships and supplements. Scholarships are available to support current and new postgraduate research candidates at UNSW.

For more information visit: <http://research.unsw.edu.au/postgraduate-research-scholarships>

RESEARCH PROPOSAL

All applications must be sufficiently detailed to enable the School/Centre to determine whether it is possible to provide adequate supervision and resources to support your research. Each research proposal should be 1000 words long and should include the following:

- a statement of the research problem and its significance
- an outline of the method to be used to analyse the problem
- the names of any academics you have contacted in the School/Centre
- details of previous publications and/or research undertaken in your nominated area of interest

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Location: UNSW Kensington Campus

UNSW handbook: www.handbook.unsw.edu.au

Fees: Domestic students undertaking PhD or Masters by Research programs are not liable for course tuition fees. For information on fees for local and international students please visit <http://research.unsw.edu.au/costs>

How to apply: <http://research.unsw.edu.au/how-apply-postgraduate-research-study-program>

Application Deadlines: Semester 1 - 31 January; Semester 2 - 30 May *Late applications may be accepted*

UNSW Graduate Research School

The GRS is the central administration and support unit for all higher degree research candidates at UNSW.

For general information about applications and scholarships for postgraduate research at UNSW please contact:

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