



## **10 Things You Need to Know About Higher Degree Research (HDR) at MQ**

Welcome to Macquarie University! HDR candidates are the backbone of MQ's research. You may know by now that the Faculty of Science and Engineering comprises 10 academic departments including the newly formed School of Engineering, and the AAO. There are more than 600 HDR candidates undertaking a Master of Research (MRes); Master of Philosophy (MPhil) or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree program with this Faculty. The purpose of this info sheet is to make your transition as an HDR supervisor at MQ easier.

### 1. HDR Supervisor Training Programs

To understand MQ's approach to HDR supervision practice, please make sure you participate the [HDR Supervision Enhancement Program](#). The program has two components: an orientation program and an annual continuing professional development program.

### 2. HDR Supervisor Searchable Database

We encourage potential HDR candidates to contact academics and obtain confirmation that the academic is "willing to supervise" prior to lodging an application, so please make sure you are on the [the HDR Supervisor Searchable Database](#). This database shows all MQ staff that fit the following criteria:

- Individual is a current member of MQ staff
- Individual has completed the mandatory MQ supervisor training
- Individual has a profile in Pure

### 3. Master of Research (MRes) program @MQ

Macquarie is the first university in Australia to introduce the international-standard two-year research training pathway program: [Master of Research](#) (MRes). The MRes program combines advanced disciplinary coursework with a structured research experience. The MRes ensures an improved pathway to higher degree research, engaging our candidates with intensive research activity prior to doctoral study (PhD). Please make an appointment with your Department MRes Advisor to understand how you can participate in BPhil teaching and MRes research supervision.

### 4. PhD entry requirements

The minimum requirement for admission to a PhD degree is:

- Completion of a Master of Research (MRes) with a grade of 75% or greater in the second year; or
- A Master of Philosophy; or
- A two-year Masters degree with a major research component at Distinction level (75% or greater).
- Evidence of English language proficiency that meets the required level.

You can find MQ's HDR admissions requirement via this [link](#).



## 5. Cotutelle & Joint PhD Programs

A Cotutelle and Joint PhD program is a PhD program where a candidate is jointly enrolled at two universities and spends time at each university. Macquarie has been participating in cotutelle degree programs since 1999. These are a formal component of our research strategy. This [link](#) has detailed advice on how to start the process of hosting a cotutelle/joint PhD candidate.

## 6. HDR Application Processing and Request Access to eApp Portal

All HDR applications are lodged online. After central HDR Office has done the preliminary checking, the application will be sent to you via the eApp portal. To request access to eApp portal, please follow the following procedures

- Go to [onehelp.mq.edu.au](http://onehelp.mq.edu.au)
- click **Request Something > Academic & Student Management > HDR Student Admission - AMIS Cloud**
- In the ticket, write your full name, OneID and email.

Make sure you also arrange a meeting with your departmental (or school's) HDR Director so you can be familiar with the internal processing of applications.

## 7. HDR Scholarship Opportunities

MQ offers generous scholarships to support our HDR candidates. The information about the main round and project specific scholarships opportunities will be announced [via this website](#).

## 8. HDR Candidature Management

To better manage HDR candidates and to assist their on-time completion, please familiarize yourself with information on this [website](#).

## 9. HDR Thesis Examination

It is very exciting and satisfying to see an HDR candidate under your supervision ready for submission. You can find answers to all your queries about MQ's policy on HDR thesis preparation, submission and examination [here](#). Supervisors are advised to submit their nomination of examiners form in advance of candidate thesis submission to allow approval procedure to complete. There will also be workshops on MRes thesis submission, please make sure you attend the workshops.

## 10. HDR Who is Who Within the Faculty

Helping hands are closer than you think! If you have any HDR related queries please do not hesitate to contact the Faculty HDR Team: Jane Yang (ex:4427), Eva Lu (ex: 9382), Michele Zaronias (ex:8415) and Shaun Allen (ex: 9594). Or A/Prof Tracy Rushmer (the Faculty's Associate Dean, HDR), A/Prof Bridget Mabbutt (the Faculty's MRes Director), your departmental HDR Director and the MRes Advisor. You can also email us your queries on [sci.hdradm@mq.edu.au](mailto:sci.hdradm@mq.edu.au).