“Archaeology is a discipline where you need to get dirt under your fingernails! I loved the field schools, which are unique to Flinders. I’ve mapped World War II shipwrecks in the Marianas, set up underwater heritage trails and seen the parts of Australia you don’t normally see. We are fleshing out Australia’s history with what we find on every dive.

Flinders taught me to never take things at face value and gave me the tools to look outside the box, to investigate things and dig deeper. In archaeology, that’s how I approach every day.”

Toni Massey
Maritime Archaeology graduate
Maritime Archaeologist, Heritage Victoria.
Graduate program in maritime archaeology

Overview
The Graduate Program in Maritime Archaeology is the largest and most active program of its kind in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region.
It is designed to meet both the needs of students who have a Bachelors degree in archaeology or anthropology and wish to specialise in maritime archaeology, as well as those who come from a different academic background (such as history) and wish to move onto a new career path.
It is also aimed at professionals already working in archaeology or complementary fields who wish to advance their careers.
The program provides many opportunities for students to gain valuable field experience in maritime archaeology through our field schools, practicum and internships.
In addition to practical fieldwork-based training, the program provides students with a strong academic and theoretical grounding across a wide range of areas in maritime, nautical and underwater archaeology, materials conservation and laboratory research and cultural heritage management.

Program of study
For most students the program consists of a Graduate Certificate (6 months full-time or part-time equivalent), a Graduate Diploma (1 year full-time or part-time equivalent) or a Masters (2 years full-time or part-time equivalent).
In consultation with the program coordinator, students can design a specific program of study to complement their existing knowledge base and interests.
Areas of specialisation may include the intersection between maritime archaeology and screen and media, heritage tourism, Indigenous archaeology, community and public archaeology, material culture studies, ship construction, coastal and island archaeology, and geophysical survey.

Entry requirements
Applicants for all three courses normally require an approved undergraduate degree or equivalent, majoring in archaeology, anthropology or a closely related discipline from an approved tertiary institution.
Under certain circumstances and subject to specific conditions, the Program may admit others who can show evidence of fitness for candidature.
Students who have completed the Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma (or other qualifications deemed equivalent) receive credit when progressing to the Graduate Diploma or Masters.

Applications
These courses are available for entry in either Semester 1 or Semester 2 each year. To plan your degree, including which semester is right for you, please contact the Graduate Programs Coordinator at: flinders.edu.au/ehl/archaeology/contact-us.cfm
Domestic (Australian) students apply at: satac.edu.au
International students apply at: flinders.edu.au/international-students/

Course fees
All three courses are offered by the Faculty of Education, Humanities and Law on a fee-paying basis.
Details can be viewed at: flinders.edu.au/fees

External delivery of topics through Flinders Learning Online in combination with intensives (e.g. field schools and other short courses) ensures you are able to study from a distance and complete your work at a pace that suits you.