

RESEARCH HIGHER DEGREES



CELEBRATING
50 years
OF INSPIRING
ACHIEVEMENT

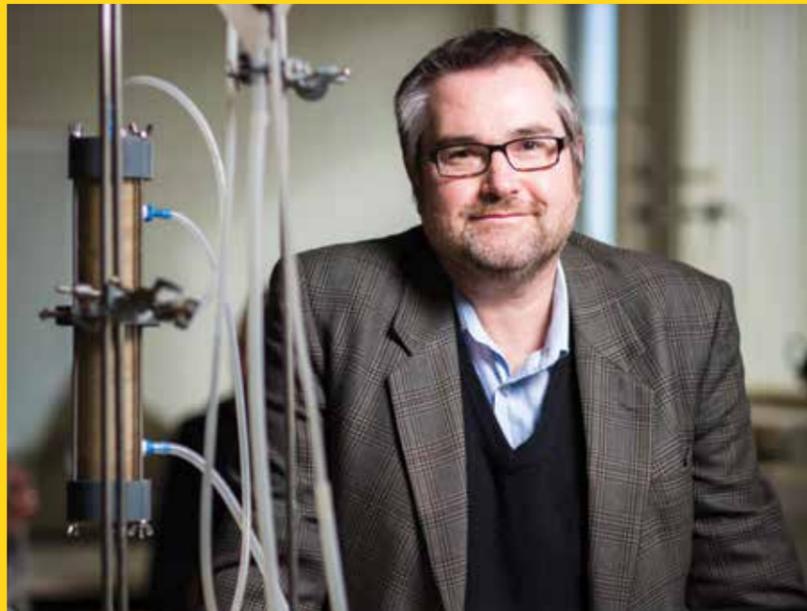
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FLINDERS RESEARCHERS: INSPIRING ACHIEVEMENT

Australian Research Council PhD Scholarship winner, Maree Meredith, is Flinders University's first Poche Scholar. Partnering with the ARC, Ananguku Arts, Poche NT, Palya Fund, Wyatt Benevolent Institution and the Lowitja Institute, Maree is studying the health impacts of arts centres in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands of northwest South Australia.



The world-leading National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training has commenced a new multi-million dollar Strategic Groundwater Research Partnership with the Murray-Darling Basin Authority exploring important groundwater issues in the Basin. The NCGRT is headquartered at Flinders University and counts among its successes training over 80 post-doctoral fellows and 80 PhD students. In 2015, the NCGRT's Director, Professor Craig Simmons (pictured), was named the South Australian Scientist of the Year.



*Professor Craig Simmons, Director of the National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training
Photo: Randy Larcombe Photography.*

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At Flinders University we are committed to the success of our students. Our graduates are highly sought after by employers because our research environment combines academic and career-related activities designed to enhance learning. Flinders research higher degree candidates are able to make industry connections and enhance their skills and experience through workplace and internship programs in Australia and overseas.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

Flinders University teaches you not what to think, but how. We believe research is an integral and defining element of a university and we have a vibrant and constantly evolving research community.

With internationally-recognised academic staff, departments and courses, Flinders has a leading position in higher education and a well-justified reputation for excellence. Flinders University is ranked in the top 2% according to the Times Higher Education World University Ranking 2015-16. Our dedicated academics are scholars who will work enthusiastically with you to tailor your individual academic experiences to your career and life goals. As a research higher degree (RHD) candidate, you will work with a minimum of two supervisors who will guide and support your research, with the option of adding external collaborators to your supervisory team.

STUDENT SUPPORT AND SERVICES

We have staff available to help you with many services from settling into university life to answering questions about your studies. We have excellent computing facilities, on-campus housing, health and wellbeing services, including doctors and counsellors, and an extensive library with discipline specific librarians to assist with sourcing the best research publications in your area from all over the world. Flinders has an extensive professional development program free to all RHD candidates as part of your research training. This program will equip you with the necessary skills for all stages of your candidature and beyond, providing seminars and workshops focusing on academic and professional development as well as research and information technology training.

Research is an exciting, innovative and dynamic activity that can change the world. Completing a Masters or Doctoral Degree at Flinders University ensures that students are prepared for the knowledge economy and the many challenges and opportunities that emerge from it. Flinders University is staffed by qualified and internationally-recognised scholars who can supervise topics through the suite of disciplines. Graduating with a Masters or Doctorate from Flinders provides a passport to an array of careers inside and outside the university, and inside and outside Australia.



Professor Tara Brabazon

Dean of Graduate Research



Professor Robert Saint

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)

RESEARCH AREAS

FIND YOUR SUPERVISOR

Flinders offers a range of innovative research opportunities. When considering your research options you can explore the expertise of our staff by using the **Find a Supervisor** search tab located at: flinders.edu.au/find-a-supervisor

Flinders University carries out a wide variety of research in our schools and through the innovative work of our Research centres and institutes.

RESEARCH STRENGTHS

Flinders' research strengths span a range of disciplines broadly housed under five research themes:

- Biomedical and clinical sciences
- Culture, policy and society
- Health and human behaviour
- Molecular science and technology
- Water and environment

RESEARCH IN OUR SCHOOLS

- Biological Sciences
- Business School
- Chemical and Physical Sciences
- Computer Science, Engineering and Mathematics
- Education
- Environment
- Health Sciences
- Humanities and Creative Arts
- International Studies
- Law School
- Medicine
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Psychology
- Social and Policy Studies

RESEARCH CENTRES AND INSTITUTES

Flinders has an impressive range of research facilities on and off campus.

- Flinders Centre for Innovation in Cancer
- Centre for Neuroscience
- Flinders Institute of Psychological Science
- Southgate Institute for Health, Society and Equity
- National Institute of Labour Studies
- Flinders Centre for Ophthalmology, Eye and Vision Research
- Medical Device Research Institute
- Centre for Clinical Change and Health Care Research
- Flinders Centre for NanoScale Science and Technology
- Adelaide Institute for Sleep Health

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Our research higher degree candidates choose Flinders University for the chance to work with highly qualified and internationally recognised professionals who consistently attract significant research funding and gain quality research outcomes.

A research higher degree aims to provide training in independent research and critical thinking skills. Completion of a research higher degree demonstrates the ability to pursue scholarly research that answers original and significant questions.

NEW RHD ENTRY PATHWAY: GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN RESEARCH METHODS

Flinders is offering a new course designed to provide you with in-depth knowledge of and skills in research methods. The Diploma gives you the opportunity to develop further depth and breadth of knowledge in your chosen discipline area, and provides a pathway to research higher degree study. The GDRM includes a substantial 18-unit research thesis, offered so that students will be eligible to apply for scholarship opportunities as well as entry into the PhD and Masters by Research programs.

For more information and for how to apply, visit:

www.flinders.edu.au/gdrm/

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD)

PhD candidates receive training in conducting research independently at a high level of originality and quality. You will conceive, design and complete a research program and create new knowledge. This program can involve the discovery of new facts, the formulation of theories or the innovative re-interpretation of known data and established ideas.

Duration: four years full-time or eight years part-time. Flinders offers these PhDs:

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in all disciplines
- Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical Psychology), which includes some coursework

PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE

A Professional Doctorate comprises up to one-third coursework and two-thirds research and enables you to make an original, sustained contribution to knowledge in professional policy, management and practice through a major research thesis. You will develop an advanced understanding of politics and ethics of policy, research and management enabling you to undertake a variety of advanced professional roles in your field.

Duration: three years full-time or six years part-time. Some Professional Doctorates may allow for longer time periods. Flinders offers these Professional Doctorates:

- Doctor of Education
- Doctor of Public Health

MASTERS BY RESEARCH

Masters by Research candidates learn techniques in research and critical evaluation specific to a field of study. You will be required to apply the methodology in a specified program of research under supervision. The degree is awarded primarily on the basis of a thesis describing the results of a research project.

Duration: two years full-time or four years part-time. Flinders offers Masters by Research in the following degrees:

- Arts
- Biotechnology
- Business
- Clinical Education
- Clinical
- Rehabilitation
- Engineering
- Laws
- Science
- Surgery
- Theology

COTUTELLE DOCTORATE

A Cotutelle Doctorate is a doctoral degree program that is undertaken jointly at Flinders University and an international higher education institution. You will spend two-thirds of your candidature time at your home institution and one third at your host institution.

Cotutelle Doctoral degrees provide substantial benefits to Research Higher Degree candidates, including:

- Mentoring by an overseas Principal Supervisor as well as a Principal Supervisor at Flinders.
- Experience and travel in new research environments.
- Career development and networking opportunities on an international scale.
- Opportunities to co-publish internationally.
- A parchment awarded by both Flinders University and an overseas institution.
- A tuition fee waiver at the overseas institution (or at Flinders for an international student).

CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

DOMESTIC CANDIDATES

For admission to a research higher degree program, you normally need an Honours Class 1 or 2A degree or equivalent, although other qualifications may be considered.

Admission to a PhD is possible if you have an undergraduate medical degree (refer to Course Rule for requirements), a Masters by Coursework degree including a significant research component with an average grade of distinction or better, or a Masters by Research degree. If you have an Honours 2B you may be advised to initially enrol in a Masters by Research degree before seeking admission to a PhD.

Note that Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical Psychology), Doctor of Education, and Doctor of Public Health degrees have additional entry requirements outlined on the application form.

INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES

For admission to a research higher degree program, you normally need an Honours Class 1 or 2A degree or the equivalent of 1 year worth of study that includes a minimum 6-month research project, although other qualifications may be considered.

In addition, international candidates need to meet Flinders University's English language proficiency requirements.

Direct entry into a PhD is also dependent on the strength of your research background and you may be required to undertake a qualifying program (such as our Graduate Diploma in Research Methods), if your research profile is not considered sufficient.

MORE INFORMATION

If you are unsure whether you meet the entry requirements, please contact the Research Higher Degree Administrator in the faculty appropriate to your research area. See back page for contact details.

DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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A range of postgraduate research scholarships are awarded on academic merit and research potential for full-time study towards a Masters by Research degree, PhD or Professional Doctorate.

Competition for scholarships is strong and in recent years successful applicants have held first class Honours degrees or equivalent qualifications.

Successful applicants who make satisfactory progress receive a tax-free living allowance for up to three years full-time study for a PhD or Professional Doctorate, or up to two years for a Masters by Research.

INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Specific scholarships may be available to support international candidates applying to undertake study and research at Flinders, such as the International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (IPRS) and the Flinders International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (FIPRS). Application dates vary.

Please refer to Scholarship opportunities on the back page for further information.

FEES

DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL FEES

Domestic candidates undertaking a research degree are eligible for a place under the Research Training Scheme (RTS).

This Federal Government scheme provides an exemption from tuition fees for up to four years full-time equivalent study for a PhD and Professional Doctorate and up to two years full-time equivalent for a Masters by Research.

Please be advised that the Commonwealth Government's Research Training Scheme may change.

INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATE FEES

International candidates are required to pay tuition fees and associated costs.

For more information visit:

flinders.edu.au/internationalstudents/study-at-flinders/fees-and-costs.cfm

HOW TO APPLY

Once you've determined that you meet the criteria above, visit the website below and follow the 6 simple steps to apply for a Research Higher Degree **flinders.edu.au/research-degrees/how-to-apply.cfm**

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School of Psychology Clinical PhD candidate Gemma Sharp's research into the sociocultural factors that influence women to undergo cosmetic genital surgery and the outcomes of this procedure has seen her rewarded with the Flinders University 3 Minute Thesis title and a Post-Doctoral Research position immediately after submitting her PhD thesis. Gemma's research has gained international media attention, including BBC Radio, as well as national features on ABC Radio and Triple J.



Associate Professor Melanie Swalwell is using her ARC Future Fellowship to research the history of "creative microcomputing" in Australia, from 1976-92. Associate Professor Swalwell is seen here in the archive of the Australian Network for Art and Technology to understand how artists and other creatives first used personal computers.



Image credit: Helen Carter

RESEARCH HIGHER DEGREE CONTACTS

GENERAL ENQUIRIES

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MEDICINE, NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

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INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

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SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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SOCIAL AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES

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EDUCATION, HUMANITIES AND LAW

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