

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Higher Degree Research Programs

UNSW 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. Arts and Social Sciences at UNSW is internationally recognised as a progressive Faculty, combining outstanding scholarship in foundational disciplines and emerging interdisciplinary fields with a commitment to public engagement and social impact.

UNSW was acknowledged 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 across the Faculty. UNSW was ranked in the top three universities in Australia for the social sciences.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The School of Social Sciences and International Studies is an exceptional community of scholars who are at the forefront of a wide range of social science and humanities disciplines and professions, including anthropology, criminology, sociology, social work, economics, political science, international relations and international studies.

Our academics contribute expert opinion and scholarly knowledge to many policy fields including social policy, economic policy, education policy, public policy, criminal justice policy, industry policy and development policy. The School has strong links with the international research community and has an established visitor program.

The School is active in both theoretical and empirical research and is successful in receiving regular funding from both national competitive sources such as the Australian Research Council and individual research contracts from government and other organisations.

Our scholars are widely published, producing leading publications including books, conference papers, editorials, and research articles in prominent Australian and international publications. Our research graduates occupy leading positions in research institutes, academia, and both the public sector and private sector in Australia and other countries.

RESEARCH AREAS

- 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



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Postgraduate Research Programs

RESEARCH PROGRAMS

The School of Social Sciences and International Studies offers a variety of research programs that attract numerous Australian and international students each year. Research students in the School work on a wide range of topics reflecting our disciplinary diversity and the availability of suitable supervisors.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in: Anthropology, Criminology, International Studies and Global Transformations, Politics and International Relations, Social Science and Policy, Social Work, Sociology

Master by Research in: Politics and International Relations, Social Science, Social Work, Sociology

MASTER BY RESEARCH	DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
Designed for students wishing to engage in significant research but not able to devote to the duration of a PhD. Candidates develop mastery of appropriate methodology, and they present their findings in the wider context of their discipline.	The 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	
Students are required to complete three postgraduate courses.	
Dissertation	
All research degrees require the completion of a thesis. The length of the dissertation for the Master by Research is between 30,000 - 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 thesis 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.

SUPERVISION

Our supervisors are experts in their fields of academic specialisation with a strong record of publications and external research grants. It is important to correspond with staff who you feel have expertise in your area of interest. Proof of correspondence with a potential supervisor is required for your application. Staff contact details, research profiles and areas of supervision expertise are listed on the website: <http://ssis.arts.unsw.edu.au>

Postgraduate Research Coordinator

The Postgraduate Research Coordinator is responsible for overseeing the candidature of each postgraduate research student in the School of Social Sciences and International Studies and can provide advice about all aspects of candidature at the School level. The Postgraduate Research Coordinator can be contacted regarding the possibility of conducting a research program within the School and assist you in contacting an appropriate supervisor. Please include your full contact details, research interests, qualifications and research experience in your correspondence.

RESEARCH COMMUNITY

Our research students are part of a diverse community of talented fellow researchers and supervisors who provide dedicated support and guidance. Students joining our postgraduate research community will encounter a lively group of colleagues committed to research, writing and teaching. The School hosts visits, seminars and workshops by leading national and international scholars. There is a regular postgraduate research seminar, which research students are expected to attend. Every student must give a Seminar presentation at least once after their first year. Students are also encouraged to engage in workshops, lectures and conferences held by the School.



RESEARCH 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.

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 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
- 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://ssis.arts.unsw.edu.au/postgraduate-research/applying>

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 postgraduate research candidates at UNSW.

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

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