



Australian
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University

Postgraduate Domestic Student Guide 2025/26

Make your world – and ours

Welcome to ANU from
across Australia and all
corners of the earth.

Choosing to study an internationally recognised postgraduate degree at The Australian National University will help you drive your career further, or kick-start a new one, while propelling the world forward.

Our enriching courses are driven by the latest research and will see you diving deeply into your disciplines. By connecting you with opportunities to network and apply your learning in industry, research and community settings, we'll equip you to make a difference to your life and that of people in the global communities around you.

Take your next step at ANU, in the heart of Australia's national capital, Canberra.

The Australian National University (ANU) acknowledges, celebrates and pays respect to the Ngambri and Ngunnawal people of the Canberra region and to all First Nations Australians on whose traditional lands we live, meet and work.

An inspiring community

21,000+ students from 100 countries

6 Nobel laureates

#1 in 13 academic disciplines in Australia¹

#1 most employable graduates in Australia²

#1 most international university in Australia³

5 stars for student-to-staff ratio and staff qualifications⁴

#30 in the world⁵

The Australian National University (ANU) is a member of Group of Eight Australia and the only Australian member of the International Alliance of Research Universities.

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A message from the Vice-Chancellor

University is a place for learning, a place where teachers help shape and reshape how you see the world, and a place where you will make incredible friends.

If you choose to study at ANU, you will join students from 100 different countries. You will study with academics who are leaders in their fields, and in classes small enough that the connections you make will be genuinely meaningful. You will have radical conversations and precious time to think about how you can help to make the world a better place. And you will do all of this on an astoundingly beautiful campus, surrounded by thousands of trees, so much colourful birdlife, and a community of faculty, staff and classmates who want you to succeed.

It is my hope that if you join ANU, it will become your home away from home – as it has been for so many people, including me. At the end of your degree, I know you will emerge as the best version of yourself: an extraordinary subject matter expert, an extraordinary citizen of the world, and an extraordinary human being.

I look forward to welcoming you.

Genevieve Bell

Vice-Chancellor and President



ANU Vice-Chancellor, Professor Genevieve Bell
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Five reasons why ANU is for you

1

Australia's #1 most employable graduates¹

Our rewarding study experiences build graduates with the expertise and resilience that employers look for. You'll have opportunities unique to a national capital, such as access to practical industry internships, government decision makers and a wide range of networking events.

2

Flexible, internationally recognised degrees

You can choose from 225 postgraduate study options. ANU offers six-month short courses (graduate certificates), graduate diplomas and master's degrees, as well as unique research programs. You can also create a flexible double master's degree here.

3

Small, interactive classes taught by world-leading academics

Connecting with talented lecturers, tutors and classmates –and amazing resources at ANU –is easy. Our student-teacher ratios are among the best in Australian universities and our research and learning facilities are second to none.

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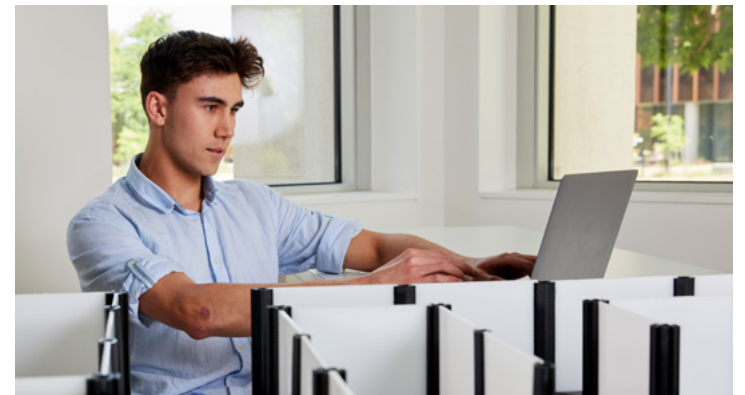
Everything in one place

Our campus has everything you need to fit further study into your life –from childcare, supermarkets, textbooks and stationery to 24-hour libraries, a gym, doctor's surgery and great coffee. We also host events and social clubs to help you build networks and feel at home in our community. Need anything else? Canberra's CBD is just a few minutes' walk or bike ride away.

5

Welcoming and supportive community

We guarantee an offer of a room in a student residence and connect you with a supportive campus community. Discover Canberra, make lifelong friends and embrace the next chapter of your life.



Welcome to the nation's capital

Canberra combines cosmopolitan delights and country warmth. Whether you've lived in the capital for years or are thinking about moving, there's always plenty of things to see and do here – and getting around is easy. With its highly educated population, the city also offers you many employment options.

Culture

On weekends, discover Braddon's local coffee roasters and eclectic cafes, just a few minutes' walk from ANU, before heading to the Haig Park markets for some locally made clothes, jewellery and produce. You can also take in a show at the theatre, an exhibition at the National Gallery of Australia or National Museum of Australia, and explore the workings of Australia's government at Parliament House.

Adventure

All year, you can walk or ride a bike along the weaving trails dotted around local nature reserves. In summer, take some time away from your studies at the National Zoo and Aquarium or swim in the Murrumbidgee River. In winter, hire some ski gear and flock with your friends to the Snowy Mountains.

Festivals and nightlife

Canberra's awesome festivals span four distinct seasons. In spring, wander through flower-filled Floriade and in summer, watch a Canberra Comedy Festival gig. In autumn, the illuminating Enlighten Festival will brighten your eyes and the Truffle Festival, held in winter, will tantalise your taste buds. As the sun descends on another beautiful day, head into the city to a live music venue, nightclub or over to the National Botanic Gardens, where you can watch a movie under the stars.

Food, drink and shopping

Canberra has rooftop bars serving tapas, local breweries specialising in beer and hamburgers, and bistros offering award-winning dishes and glimpses of the past. When it comes to shopping, the city has a smorgasbord of small and large retailers, including boutique and vintage shops, several fresh produce markets and big retail centres.

Accommodation guarantee

ANU guarantees you a room in student accommodation. Learn more about our accommodation guarantee on page 12.

A capital city to love

#1 highest average income and lowest unemployment in Australia

Why Study in Canberra 2023

#2 in the world for quality of life

Oxford Economics Global Cities Index 2024

25% of people speak a language other than English

Multicultural Canberra 2023

#3 smartest city in the world

IMD Smart City Index 2023





“My learning experience throughout my bachelor and my current postgraduate degree in medicine has been amazing. ANU offers a large range of courses that allow me to explore different areas of science and discover my passion for medicine. I’m thankful that I’m being taught by passionate and caring lecturers and clinicians who instil knowledge, confidence and empathy in me.”

Katherine Nguyen
Doctor of Medicine and Surgery

Experience the knowledge capital

With more than half of the city’s population holding a degree, Canberra is a place of decision-makers and deep-thinkers. Surround yourself with artists, researchers, scientists, diplomats, academics, policymakers and cutting-edge entrepreneurs. They all call the capital home.



Realise your potential

Interactive tutorials, practical internship courses and research skill-building workshops are just a few of the ingredients that drive the learning experience at ANU. Studying in person on our campus is another - and will see you getting better results than studying online.

Learn from leaders in their field

Experience creative and meaningful approaches to teaching and problem solving. At ANU, classes are small, so you'll learn in innovative ways. Imagine embarking on a metaphorical voyage in a canoe to get a sense of the Pacific's diverse social and cultural dimensions or working in a 'flipped classroom' and having flexible interactive one-on-one meetings with your teachers.

Study in innovative learning spaces

At ANU, you can work in a recording or glass studio or with tools like 3D printers in MakerSpace. Depending on the courses you take or research you do, you can also explore nuclear physics in our heavy ion accelerator facility, argue in a contemporary moot courtroom, witness the SkyMapper telescope's creation of the first comprehensive digital survey of the entire southern sky, or code Gadi, the southern hemisphere's fastest supercomputer. Clinical students can also access simulations and hands-on experiences in city, rural and remote hospitals. All ANU courses are taught in innovative facilities that encourage exploration and collaboration.

Take an internship course

During your degree, you can enrol in internship courses and gain a range of experience in business, government, the cultural sector and community settings. Our internships explore subjects as diverse as art collection management, archaeology, engineering, computing, public health, policy and diplomacy, as well as business, economics, law, science and strategy.

Participate in research-led learning

ANU courses expose you to the research your teachers are conducting and provide experiential opportunities to engage with it. This research-led approach to learning triggers debate while developing critical thinking skills.

Build your research skills

We offer workshops, events and short courses that develop skills so you can get the most out of the research you do as part of your degree.

Conduct research on our other campuses

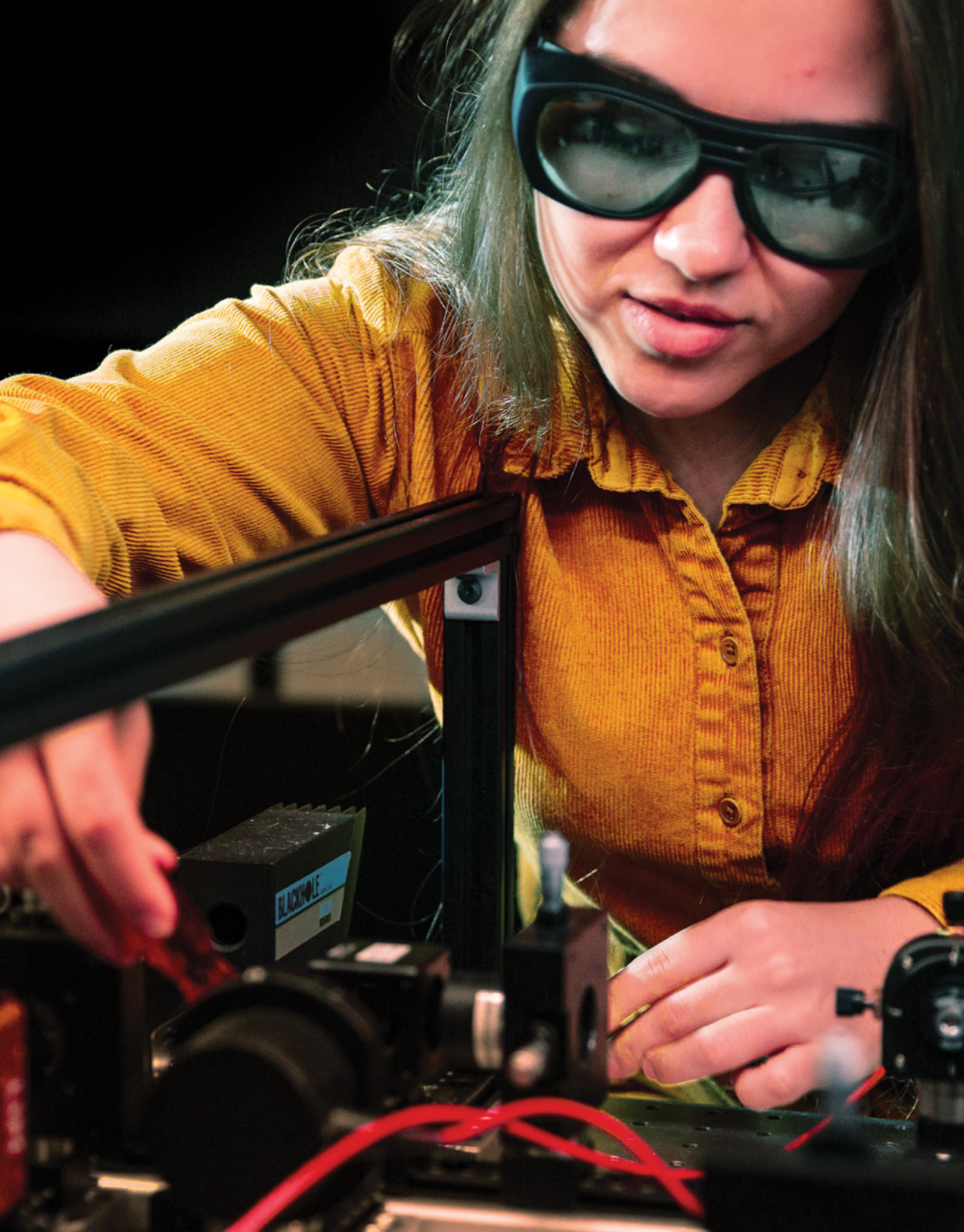
Your studies will mostly take place on our Acton campus, but a research project, hands-on field trip, specialist course or other opportunity could take you to other ANU campuses in the Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales and the Northern Territory.



Kioloa Coastal Campus



Mount Stromlo Observatory

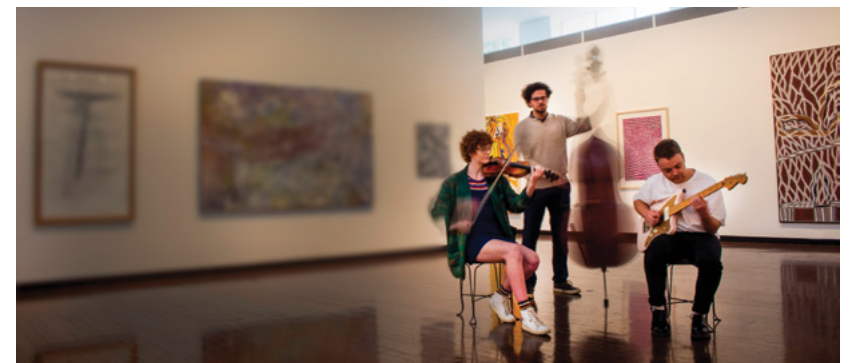


“I work for the Australian Government in higher education and research policy. My degree provides me with an ideal framework to study the history, culture and political affairs of Asia and the Pacific. There has never been a better time to build unique, regional expertise. Last

year, I completed a project where I translated important political speeches from English to Indonesian. Now I’m working on my master’s thesis which focuses on Muslim feminist activism in Indonesia with the support of my supervisor, Dr Eva Nisa. I have learned from so many amazing scholars in the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific. They are incredibly supportive and encourage me to drive my own research interests. Being in a smaller school, I’ve also been able to build great friendships with other students in my degree.”

Jayne Fendyk – Westpac Future Leaders Scholar 2022

Master of Asian and Pacific Studies



Grow your network

Networking at ANU develops professional contacts, creates relationships and connects you with information and knowledge. It can also build your reputation and link you to new research and career development opportunities.

Talk with employers

Each year, ANU will invite you to campus events that will connect you with national and international employers, like Careers Week. Talk to them about work opportunities and build your professional networks.

Intern in public policy environments

Unique to ANU are a range of special internship programs that could see you working during semester breaks alongside politicians and their aides in the ACT Legislative Assembly, Parliament House or overseas in the United States Congress. We also offer internship courses in non-policy disciplines.

Mingle with other researchers

Research support is about connection and collaboration. In fact, we have the Research and Innovation Services office which provides our higher degrees by research (HDR) communities with training, fellowships and support, and the Graduate Research Office which works with researchers directly. Training and activities where you can mingle with other researchers include boot camps, candidate inductions, ethics and integrity workshops, as well as entrepreneurship opportunities and local innovation networks.

Study overseas

Some postgraduate courses offer the opportunity to study abroad at one of our partner universities or via an academic-led study tour. If you want

to immerse yourself in language and culture and explore different perspectives overseas, check out the study requirements of your preferred course or speak to your course convenor.

Attend ANU events

Our events are great opportunities to meet other like-minded people and talk to academics and special guests. Online and in-person, you can attend tours of campus, author and artist talks, lectures, music performances and listen to conversations between experts about aspects of their research.

Connect with alumni around the world

Among ANU alumni are former Australian prime minister Dr Kevin Rudd AC, Governor-General of Australia Sam Mostyn AO (from 1 July 2024) and Indonesia's former foreign minister Dr Raden Mohammad Marty Muliana Natalegawa – as well as many musicians, comedians, CEOs, artists, authors and scientists. Meet them at our events. And, when you graduate, enjoy all the benefits of being part of our engaging international alumni community.

Join a club or society

Whether you're interested in the arts, languages, advocacy, physics or sport, there's a student-run social, academic or cultural club or society that will connect you with other like-minded people.

Explore ANU clubs at
anusa.com.au/life/clublist/

Explore events

ANU events share and celebrate research, education, policy engagement and community.



Discover event
calendar



“Through grant funding provided by the University, I was given the unique opportunity to visit a small-scale irrigation scheme in the south of Zimbabwe. I spent my time talking to farmers, understanding their way of life and collecting reference data for analysis.

Ultimately my research developed a simple, free approach to map and monitor land productivity. I hope it can contribute to helping local farmers to survive from their crops and generate profits. My research dissertation led me to my next job with a very similar project in Cambodia under the United Nations.”

Gareth Quirke

Graduate, Master of Environment (Advanced)



Support for your success

Fitting further study around your other commitments requires support. Whether it's childcare or accommodation you need to meet your goals, academic advice – or career guidance and enrolment help, you'll find it all here.

Childcare

We have five childcare centres to support you and your family. They cater for all ages up to pre-school level. Some are not-for-profit centres, while others are privately owned and run.

Enrolment assistance

ANU Student Central is your first port of call for anything related to the administration of your degree – from advice about enrolling in your courses and managing your timetable to paying your fees and how to get ready to graduate. Your ANU college also provides similar support.

Academic skills

We supply workshops and one-on-one sessions on academic writing, research techniques, communication strategies, referencing, academic integrity and how to prepare for exams.

Career planning

The ANU Careers team can give you one-on-one practical career advice and point you to resources that can help increase your impact at interview.

Wellbeing services

Whenever you need confidential medical care or counselling, you'll find it right here on campus. You can either make an appointment or walk-in and see a doctor or nurse. Best of all, these services are free.

Financial support

Financial support for ANU students comes in many forms, including bursaries and scholarships that can help you with study and accommodation costs. Scholarships recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, refugees, financial hardship, academic merit, gender, rural, regional and remote locations, as well as illness and disability.

Spiritual guidance

When you need spiritual support, our multifaith chaplains can help. They represent the Anglican, Catholic and Baptist churches and the Muslim, Hindu, Jewish, Baha'i faiths, as well as the humanist tradition.

Research services

Our Graduate Research Office supports higher degrees by research (HDR) candidates. It can help you with enrolment, leave and extensions, thesis submissions, examinations and restrictions. The office also coordinates scholarship rounds.

Email: gro@anu.edu.au
Phone: 02 6125 5777

Centre for First Nations students

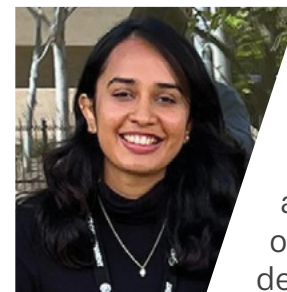
The Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre provides you with academic support, pastoral care and advice. It's also a place for you to gather, study and heat up your lunch.

Email: tjabal.centre@anu.edu.au
Phone: 02 6125 4038

Students with disability

If you are a carer, have a medical condition or are living with disability, we provide advice about support and adjustments that can help you take part fully in your degree program.

Email: access.inclusion@anu.edu.au
Phone: 02 6125 5036



“I did an internship with the Suburban Land Agency in the ACT, and it was a valuable opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of how government agencies operate. I was really interested in the business transformation project that the agency offers interns, with the various opportunities to interact and learn from senior management. I am keen on eventually working as a business analyst, and this business transformation internship solidified my interest in the field.”

Shruti Vellat

Master of Business Information Systems



“It's exciting when you're in the labs and a part of the research community. I studied medical science as an undergrad and even then, I always kept going back to the brain. I wanted to know more about it because it makes us who we are. It intrigues me as all our individual nuances are in there.”

Ayla Venslovas

Master of Neuroscience

A campus experience that's all about you

Our beautiful and safe campus is a welcoming hub of activity and spaces, with everything you need to study, meet new people and move easily between classes, work and home.

A room of your own

Living in a secure, self-catered student residence on our campus puts your classes, libraries and all the amenities of the Kambri student hub in easy reach, while providing you with a supportive community, student events and residential advisers.

ANU guarantees you a room in a student residence. You can choose to live with other postgraduate scholars or in a mixed residential community of undergraduate and postgraduate students.

As a guide, rates for postgraduate accommodation in 2024 ranged between AUD \$282 and \$571 per week.

Choose your residence

We offer a wide range of rooms and studios, both on and off campus.



Explore ANU residences

Apply for student accommodation

Apply for a room before you receive a study offer. We'll try to place you within the residence of your choice.



Request a room

City on your doorstep

The main ANU campus in Acton is just a short walk or bike ride away from Canberra's CBD. This proximity makes it easy to travel between classes and all the things you may need in the city, including banks, hairdressers, grocers and public transport.

You'll find some excellent restaurants, bars, theatres and music venues in the CBD as well.

24/7 library access and study spaces

Our five libraries are open seven days a week – and four of them 24 hours a day. They provide access to PC and Mac computers, printers, copiers and study spaces, as well as regular workshops on how best to utilise their vast resources.

Our campus has plenty of other study spaces to choose from too. For starters, there's the six floors of the striking Marie Reay Teaching Centre that include flexible spaces with tables and chairs, kitchen facilities, cutting-edge technology and panoramic views of the city.

Meet, shop and eat

Conveniently on the ANU campus are cafes, a pharmacy, supermarket, and a bookshop. They provide everything from basic groceries and snacks, to prescription medicines, stationery and textbooks. Catch up with classmates over a coffee or grab a bag of groceries on-the-go.

Stay fit and healthy

Maintain your physical and mental fitness at our swimming pool, two gyms and four ovals. You can book our indoor courts and fitness spaces at great student rates. Like Canberra, the University is bike and e-scooter friendly.

Getting here

You can get to and from campus on Canberra's efficient light rail and bus networks or ride your bike and walk along the network of shared paths that connect the CBD with the suburbs. Affordable car parking is also available on campus.



Campus tours

Get a taste for the ANU experience by booking a tour of the main Acton campus with one of our student ambassadors.



Book a tour
of ANU



“I am a management consultant and wanted to gain a deeper understanding of negotiation and communication in theory and practice, as well as a grounding in prominent areas of international law. My two-year program with the ANU College of Law and ANU College of Asia and the Pacific is giving me important communication skills and the diplomatic and legal frameworks that I can use to analyse global issues and engage with peers on a global scale. Now I’m considering doctoral studies on how frontline diplomats influence foreign policy objectives and state relations.”

Joshua Pearson

Master of International Law and Diplomacy



“My internship with the Museum of Australian Democracy (MoAD) helped me understand that my interest lies in heritage management and interpretation. You can’t know what a role involves until you do the job and try it. So, I felt glad that I was able to do it at an early point in my degree.”

Nicole O’Dowd

Master of Museum and Heritage Studies

Find your next challenge

From the arts, politics, languages and international studies to the sciences, cybernetics, health, law and Asia-Pacific studies, there's a coursework or research degree for you at ANU. Each has the exceptional knowledge and learning experiences you need to get ahead.

Postgraduate study pathway

- Graduate certificate (24 units)
Six months' full-time study
- Graduate diploma (48 units)
One year full-time study
- Master degree (48 or 72 units)
One or one and half years' full-time study
- Master degree (advanced) (72–96 units) from 1.5 to 2 years' full-time study, including a 24-unit supervised sub-thesis
- Higher degrees by research (HDR)

Subject areas

- Arts, society and culture
- Asia-Pacific, international relations and security studies
- Business and commerce
- Engineering, cybernetics and computing
- Health, medicine and psychology
- Law and legal studies
- Natural, physical and environmental sciences

Coursework degrees

We offer graduate certificates, graduate diplomas and master's degrees. Some of these qualifications have a research component that involves working with an academic supervisor.

ANU also provides the following coursework programs.

Flexible Double Master degrees

The ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences offers unique two-year Flexible Double Masters programs that allow you to tailor your studies to your particular interests, expertise and ambitions. Build yours by combining two of these master's programs:

- Master of Anthropology and Planetary Futures
- Master of Art History and Curatorial Studies
- Master of Contemporary Art Practices
- Master of Digital Humanities and Public Culture

- Master of Diplomacy
- Master of History
- Master of Management
- Master of Pacific Development
- Master of Social Research Methods

Short courses

Also known as graduate certificates, these are great places to start postgraduate study if you're not ready to commit to a bigger program just yet. To find the one for you, search 'graduate certificates' on our programs and courses web page.

For a full list of postgraduate coursework degrees, go to page 16.

Research degrees

ANU offers the following higher degrees by research (HDR) programs – and they're fee-free for students from Australia and New Zealand. You can apply for them throughout the year.

- Master of Philosophy (MPhil)
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Explore ANU research areas on page 20 and discover how to apply for research degrees on page 28.

Find your degree

Browse our coursework and research degrees and discover GPA, prerequisite subjects and any other admissions requirements you'll need to meet before applying to ANU.



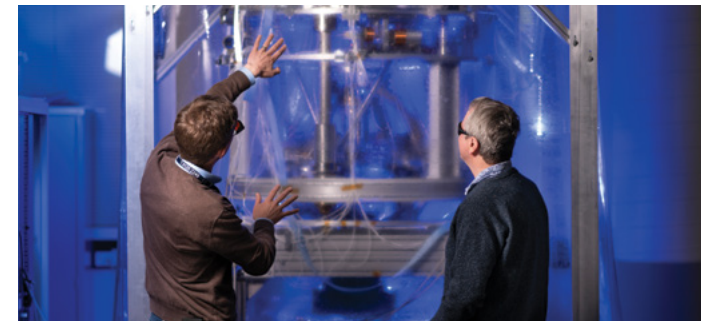
Search programs and courses



“In my experience, the staff at the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies at ANU have always been approachable and continually display that they are experts in their field. The last time I finished a postgraduate university qualification in 2002, I joined the army as a soldier. Since then, I have been inspired by numerous work experiences in the Middle East, a year-long Farsi language qualification and broader experience in the international environment to then pursue a Master of Middle East and Central Asian studies. I now understand the region more deeply and am better able to fulfil my current role in the Department of Defence, where I provide policy advice to government.”

Peter Lisle

Graduate, Master of Middle East and Central Asian Studies



YOUR STUDY OPTIONS

225 postgraduate programs

Our postgraduate study options include graduate certificates, graduate diplomas and master's degrees, as well as higher degrees by research.

Program name ¹	Duration (years)	CRICOS code
ANU College Arts & Social Sciences		
Flexible Double Masters	2	112694M
Graduate Certificate of Cross-Cultural Analysis*	0.5	NO CRICOS
Graduate Certificate of the Repatriation of Ancestral Remains and Cultural Objects*	0.5	NO CRICOS
Graduate Certificate of Demography	0.5	108301A
Graduate Certificate of General and Applied Linguistics*	0.5	NO CRICOS
Graduate Certificate of Middle Eastern and Central Asian Studies	0.5	107758J
Graduate Certificate of Museum and Heritage Studies*	0.5	NO CRICOS
Graduate Certificate of Social Research*	0.5	NO CRICOS
Graduate Certificate of Studies	0.5	082261M
Master of Anthropology and Planetary Futures	1	114811F
Master of Anthropology and Planetary Futures (Advanced)	1.5	114812E
Master of Archaeological and Evolutionary Science	2	096399M
Master of Archaeological and Evolutionary Science (Advanced)	2	096400A
Master of Art History and Curatorial Studies	1	108306G
Master of Art History and Curatorial Studies (Advanced)	1.5	108307F
Master of Contemporary Art Practices	1	108308E
Master of Contemporary Art Practices (Advanced)	1.5	108309D
Master of Digital Humanities and Public Culture	1	108314G
Master of Digital Humanities and Public Culture (Advanced)	1.5	108315F
Master of General and Applied Linguistics	1.5	108329M
Master of General and Applied Linguistics (Advanced)	2	082302G
Master of Heritage Tourism Management	1.5	114601E
Master of History	1	108325D
Master of History (Advanced)	1.5	108326C
Master of Middle Eastern and Central Asian Studies	1.5	108330G
Master of Middle Eastern and Central Asian Studies (Advanced)	2	082339E
Master of Museum and Heritage Studies	1.5	108331F
Master of Museum and Heritage Studies (Advanced)	2	085332K
Master of Social Research Methods	1	108327B
Master of Social Research Methods (Advanced)	1.5	108328A

Program name ¹	Duration (years)	CRICOS code
Doctor of Philosophy, Research School of Humanities and the Arts	4	048381G
Master of Philosophy, Research School of Humanities and the Arts	2	074383A
Doctor of Philosophy, Research School of Social Sciences	4	036805K
Master of Philosophy, Research School of Social Sciences	2	048389M
ANU College of Asia & Pacific		
Executive Master of Public Administration*	1.5	NO CRICOS
Graduate Certificate of Asia-Pacific Economies	0.5	114600F
Graduate Certificate of Climate Policy	0.5	103367A
Graduate Certificate of Crime, Risk and Resilience*	0.5	NO CRICOS
Graduate Certificate of Crime, Risk and Resilience (Online)*	0.5	NO CRICOS
Graduate Certificate of Engaging Asia	0.5	103364D
Graduate Certificate of Engaging the Pacific	0.5	103365C
Graduate Certificate of Environmental Management	0.5	107175K
Graduate Certificate of Environmental and Resource Economics	0.5	103865E
Graduate Certificate of Environmental and Resource Economics (Online)*	0.5	NO CRICOS
Graduate Certificate of International and Development Economics	0.5	103866D
Graduate Certificate of International and Development Economics (Online)*	0.5	NO CRICOS
Graduate Certificate of National Security Policy	0.5	103864F
Graduate Certificate of Pacific Development	0.5	103366B
Graduate Certificate of Policy Design and Analysis	0.5	103871G
Graduate Certificate of Political Science	0.5	103870H
Graduate Certificate of Public Management	0.5	103863G
Graduate Certificate of Public Policy	0.5	089715G
Graduate Certificate of Regulation and Governance*	0.5	NO CRICOS
Graduate Certificate of Regulation and Governance (Online)*	0.5	NO CRICOS
Graduate Certificate of Strategic Studies	0.5	103868B
Graduate Certificate of Technology Governance*	0.5	NO CRICOS
Graduate Certificate of Technology Governance (Online)*	0.5	NO CRICOS
Graduate Diploma of International Affairs	1	088970M
Master of Asian and Pacific Studies	2	093286M
Master of Climate Change	1.5	102926E
Master of Diplomacy	1	111566E
Master of Diplomacy (Online)*	1	NO CRICOS
Master of Engaging Asia	1.5	103371E
Master of Environmental Management and Development	2	082296M
Master of Environmental Management and Development (Online)*	2	NO CRICOS
Master of Environmental and Resource Economics	2	082295A

Program name ¹	Duration (years)	CRICOS code
Master of Environmental and Resource Economics (Online)*	2	NO CRICOS
Master of Global Securities and Strategy (Online)*	1	NO CRICOS
Master of International Law and Diplomacy	2	0101475
Master of International and Development Economics	2	082308A
Master of International and Development Economics (Online)*	2	NO CRICOS
Master of International Relations	2	082309M
Master of National Security Policy	1.5	0101473
Master of Pacific Development	1	103372D
Master of Peace and Conflict Studies	1	114599E
Master of Peace and Conflict Studies (Advanced)	1.5	114598F
Master of Political Science	1.5	102925F
Master of Political Science (Advanced)	2	096438J
Master of Public Administration	1.5	102923H
Master of Public Policy	2	082349C
Master of Regulation and Governance	1.5	103373C
Master of Regulation and Governance (Online)*	1.5	NO CRICOS
Master of Strategic Studies	1.5	102924G
Master of Strategic Studies (Advanced)	2	082355E
Master of Technology Governance	1.5	111567D
Master of Technology Governance (Online)*	1.5	NO CRICOS
Doctor of Philosophy, Crawford School of Public Policy	4	048357G
Master of Philosophy, Crawford School of Public Policy	2	051680D
Doctor of Philosophy, National Security College	4	074012F
Master of Philosophy, National Security College	2	074011G
Doctor of Philosophy, Culture History and Languages	4	048359F
Master of Philosophy, Culture, History and Languages	2	048385D
Doctor of Philosophy, International, Political and Strategic Studies	4	022602C
Master of Philosophy, International, Political and Strategic Studies	2	070899E
Doctor of Philosophy, Regulation and Governance	4	049652D
Master of Philosophy, Regulation and Governance	2	070626G
ANU College of Business & Economics		
Graduate Certificate of Accounting	0.5	052700G
Graduate Certificate of Digital Transformation*	0.5	NO CRICOS
Graduate Certificate of Economics	0.5	082256G
Graduate Certificate of Finance and Actuarial Statistics	0.5	082257G
Graduate Certificate of Management	0.5	030000G
Graduate Diploma of Economics	1	082263J
Master of Accounting	2	050800J
Master of Actuarial Practice	2.5	079658E
Master of Actuarial Studies	2	050802G
Master of Applied Accounting	1	103370F
Master of Applied Accounting and Master of Financial Management	2	111569B
Master of Applied Economics	2	082269C
Master of Applied Finance	1.5	079659D
Master of Business Information Systems	2	050796M
Master of Commerce (Advanced)	2	093294M

Program name ¹	Duration (years)	CRICOS code
Master of Economic Policy	2	082289K
Master of Economics	2	082290F
Master of Entrepreneurship and Innovation	2	091185K
Master of Finance	2	039762C
Master of Financial Economics	2	086226D
Master of Financial Management	1	029316G
Master of International Management	2	088059J
Master of Management	1	107176J
Master of Marketing Management	2	091184M
Master of Professional Accounting	1.5	050799G
Master of Project Management	2	082344G
Master of Statistical Data Analysis	1	111568C
Master of Statistics	2	082353G
Doctor of Philosophy, ANU College of Business and Economics	4	048345A
Master of Philosophy, ANU College of Business and Economics	2	048350D
ANU College of Engineering, Computing & Cybernetics		
Graduate Certificate of Applied Data Analytics*	0.5	NO CRICOS
Graduate Diploma of Applied Data Analytics	1	097201M
Graduate Diploma of Computing	1	078938E
Master of Applied Cybernetics	1	103368M
Master of Applied Cybernetics (Advanced)	1.5	103369K
Master of Applied Data Analytics	1.5	097058B
Master of Computing	2	078940M
Master of Computing (Advanced)	2	085934F
Master of Engineering in Electrical Engineering	2	077326G
Master of Engineering in Energy Systems	2	114602D
Master of Engineering in Robotics, Automation and Control	2	114603C
Master of Machine Learning and Computer Vision	2	099247C
Doctor of Philosophy, School of Engineering	4	114813D
Master of Philosophy, School of Engineering	2	114816A
Doctor of Philosophy, School of Computing	4	114814C
Master of Philosophy, School of Computing	2	114815B
Doctor of Philosophy, School of Cybernetics	4	113800F
ANU College of Health & Medicine		
Doctor of Medicine and Surgery	4	077442D
Graduate Certificate of Public Health*	0.5	NO CRICOS
Master of Clinical Psychology	2	003116G
Master of Culture, Health and Medicine	2	088510F
Master of Culture Health and Medicine (Advanced)	2	082284D
Master of Neuroscience	2	082376M
Master of Neuroscience (Advanced)	2	082342K
Master of Professional Psychology	2	096441C
Master of Public Health	2	082346F
Master of Public Health (Advanced)	2	082347E
Doctor of Philosophy, Medicine	4	048348J
Master of Philosophy, Medicine	2	048405E

Program name ¹	Duration (years)	CRICOS code
Doctor of Philosophy, Psychology	4	070332M
Master of Philosophy, Psychology	2	070336G
Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical Psychology)	4	070333K
Doctor of Philosophy, Population Health	4	094628G
Master of Philosophy, Population Health	2	094627J
Master of Philosophy in Applied Epidemiology*	2	NO CRICOS
Doctor of Philosophy, John Curtin School of Medical Research	4	048380J
Master of Philosophy, John Curtin School of Medical Research	2	048403G
ANU College of Law		
Graduate Certificate of Law	0.5	082258F
Graduate Certificate of New Technologies Law*	0.5	NO CRICOS
Juris Doctor	3	061559M
Master of Financial Management and Law	2	103872F
Master of Laws	1	006504E
Doctor of Philosophy, ANU College of Law	4	048355K
Master of Philosophy, ANU College of Law	2	048384E
ANU College of Science		
Graduate Certificate of Disaster Risk Science and Sustainability	0.5	099463F
Graduate Certificate of Environment*	0.5	NO CRICOS
Graduate Certificate of Forests*	0.5	NO CRICOS
Graduate Certificate of Nuclear Technology Regulation*	0.5	NO CRICOS
Graduate Certificate of Science Communication	0.5	103862H
Graduate Diploma of Science	1	003114K
Master of Biotechnology	2	082279A
Master of Biotechnology (Advanced)	2	082280G
Master of Earth Sciences (Advanced)	2	082288M
Master of Energy Change	2	082291E
Master of Energy Change (Advanced)	2	082292D
Master of Environment	2	082293C
Master of Environment (Advanced)	2	082294B
Master of Forests	2	111570J
Master of Forests (Advanced)	2	111571H
Master of Mathematical Sciences (Advanced)	2	082337G
Master of Science (Advanced) in Agricultural Innovation	2	0101484
Master of Science (Advanced) in Astronomy and Astrophysics	2	0101477
Master of Science (Advanced) in Biological Sciences	2	096440D
Master of Science (Advanced) in Materials Science	2	102931H
Master of Science (Advanced) in Nuclear Science	2	099251G
Master of Science (Advanced) in Precision Instrumentation and Measurement	2	099249A
Master of Science (Advanced) in Quantitative Biology and Bioinformatics	2	096440D

Program name ¹	Duration (years)	CRICOS code
Master of Science (Advanced) in Quantum Technology	2	099253E
Master of Science (Advanced) in Theoretical Physics	2	0101482
Master of Science Communication	2	082350K
Master of Science in Agricultural Innovation	2	0101483
Master of Science in Astronomy and Astrophysics	2	0101476
Master of Science in Biological Sciences	2	096439G
Master of Science in Earth Sciences	2	0101480
Master of Science in Materials Science	2	102930J
Master of Science in Mathematical Sciences	2	102929B
Master of Science in Nuclear Science	2	099254D
Master of Science in Precision Instrumentation and Measurement	2	099248B
Master of Science in Quantitative Biology and Bioinformatics	2	096439G
Master of Science in Quantum Technology	2	099252F
Master of Science in Theoretical Physics	2	0101481
Doctor of Philosophy, Fenner School of Environment and Society	4	070533B
Master of Philosophy, Fenner School of Environment and Society	2	070534A
Doctor of Philosophy, Earth Sciences	4	048375F
Master of Philosophy, Earth Sciences	2	048398K
Doctor of Philosophy, Biology	4	070535M
Master of Philosophy, Biology	2	070536K
Doctor of Philosophy, Australian National Centre for the Public Awareness of Science	4	094626K
Master of Philosophy, Australian National Centre for the Public Awareness of Science	2	094625M
Doctor of Philosophy, Physics	4	048379B
Master of Philosophy, Physics	2	048402G
Doctor of Philosophy, Astronomy and Astrophysics	4	048378C
Master of Philosophy, Astronomy and Astrophysics	2	048401J
Doctor of Philosophy, Chemistry	4	048373G
Master of Philosophy, Chemistry	2	048396A
Doctor of Philosophy, Mathematical Sciences	4	048376E
Master of Philosophy, Mathematical Sciences	2	048399J
Doctor of Philosophy, Science	4	048349G
Master of Philosophy, ANU Colleges of Science	2	048386C

Higher degrees by research (HDR) programs



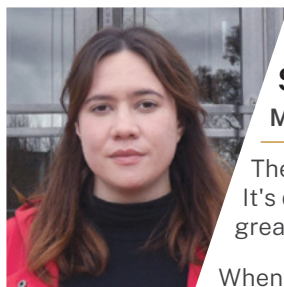
Scan the QR code to learn more about program-specific admission requirements and semester intakes.

*These programs are not CRICOS registered. International students cannot study these programs in Australia on an Australian student visa. Any exceptions are at the discretion of the academic area.

1. The University reserves the right to alter or discontinue its programs as required. Please note that not all degrees are available to commence in Semester 2.

In their words

Learn from ANU students and alumni about their learning experience, why they chose to study with us, and some ways they hope to influence change.



Shanti Shea An – University Medal 2017
Master of Art History and Curatorial Studies

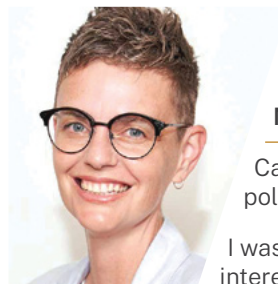
There's something about ANU – particularly the art school. It's quite a tight-knit community and I feel like that's such a great way of sharing research and collaborative practice.

When I entered the School of Art and Design building, I felt like it was a place I could imagine myself being in for the next three to four years. I signed up for a double degree in art and visual art, but switched to focusing on visual art when I found there was so much to it.

I really liked at first how we were immersed in studio practice and there was this tradition of materials that I found interesting as well. Then, when I did art theory courses, we were introduced to other disciplines, but it was always through the language of art.

After graduating in 2017, I missed studying, and I wanted the chance to do more reading and research into the art history courses I'd tasted.

I love talking to people about art. Even if they don't come from an artistic background, their responses have always allowed me to think about new questions and challenges to consider in my work and research.



Trinity King
Master of Laws

Canberra is a great place to study law because it is close to policymakers, the High Court and Parliament.

I was looking for a career change and was particularly interested in regulatory and policy solutions to climate change. The public and private sector working closely to embrace emerging technologies is part of the energy transition, and policy and law are part of that implementation. These are what made studying public and international law at ANU essential for my career path.

After graduating, I hope to influence change in the energy sector by providing new innovative solutions to complex climate change global issues.



Jordan McMahon
Master of Science (Advanced) in Theoretical Physics

When I was deciding on which university I wanted to attend, I looked at the projects on offer that I was prepared to spend the next few years of my life on. Looking at ANU, it was clear that it had the most extensive range of projects, the best facilities in the Southern Hemisphere and the best academics.

My main area of interest is hard condensed matter, which is looking at things such as nanowires, nanoparticles, biosensors, and other branches of nanotechnology. ANU has the best facilities for Metal-Organic Chemical Vapour Deposition, which is a very niche but powerful instrument in nanotechnology.

Now, I am working to develop a non-invasive way to detect elevated blood glucose levels in people who exhibit pre-diabetic symptoms, removing the need for constant finger pricks.

Inspiring research to explore

Research is at the core of everything we do. It informs the content of our degrees, influences public policy and solves some of our region's greatest challenges.

Culture, creativity and society

Indigenous studies

We're addressing key issues for indigenous populations and increasing our understanding of their cultures, laws and histories with cross-disciplinary research in a number of fields.

Social structures & processes

Our network of archaeology, anthropology and history scholars are working in remote and metropolitan Australia, Asia and the Pacific to understand societies from ancient times to the present day.

The arts

Our interdisciplinary cultural inquiry, creative arts, heritage, museum and art curatorship research engages with the social issues facing Australia, including Indigenous cultural expression.

Environment and sustainability

Climate change

Our interdisciplinary research is contributing to climate change mitigation and developing adaptation solutions. With our connections to government, the private sector and society, it's also informing policy advice.

Biodiversity

With deep connections to CSIRO and global partners, ANU is pushing biodiversity science forward using innovative capabilities in genomics, bioinformatics, ecological modelling and biodiversity policy.

Energy alternatives

We're exploring new technologies for nuclear, fusion, solar, energy storage, enhanced oil and gas, biofuels and photosynthesis, and smart grid technology.

Future security

Strategy & defence

We're Australia's home of strategic studies research, education and commentary. Our focus is on understanding the complexity of Asia's strategic environment, Australia's place in it, and the utility and application of armed forces in international affairs.

Food security

We're tackling the problems of food security in an interdisciplinary way with global partners. Our research explores crop productivity and disease; water and land management rights and development, as well as economics and policy to improve outcomes for vulnerable populations.

Resilience & adaptation

We are looking at the effects of development, climate change and policy decisions on Australian and Asia-Pacific region populations, including First Nations peoples.

Health and medicine

Mental health & cognition

Our interdisciplinary behavioural research has applications in e-health, ageing and wellbeing, chronic disease management and perceptual psychology.

Health policy

We're breaking down some of the barriers to health care, including access, costs and insufficient resources, with research that spans epidemiology, economics, regulation and informatics.

Combatting diseases & conditions

By tackling complex diseases with our hospital and health provider partners, we're translating findings into policies that improve health outcomes for all people.



“While working as a lawyer for the Aboriginal Legal Service, I found myself reading articles about AI on the weekends and observed that computing algorithms like the NSW Police Department’s Suspect Target Management Program (STMP) was

causing teenagers and pre-teens to be monitored because they had been predicted to commit crimes in the future – and that those kids were disproportionately Aboriginal. There is so much data on these communities because they’ve been tracked and traced their whole lives. I knew these kinds of systems were going to be disseminated more broadly in society and was concerned about the introduction of automated risk assessments in NSW that would unfairly impact Aboriginal people. But you can’t just critique these systems without understanding how they operate, you have to learn how to build them yourself. So, I looked around Australia to find out who was studying this. I chose my degree at ANU because it was situated in an academic college that really thought about how systems operate in a physical and social environment.”

Ned Cooper

Master of Applied Cybernetics

YOUR RESEARCH OPTIONS

Regional and global context

Asia & Pacific countries

ANU hosts the English-speaking world's largest assembly of scholars dedicated to working on the cultures and languages of Asia and Pacific countries.

Regulation, justice & law

We're exploring legal systems and governance; Australian, international and public law; social justice; human rights and criminology.

Economic growth & wellbeing

Our policy relationships and strengths in macroeconomics, global finance and corporate strategy, among other disciplines, make ANU a powerhouse of business research in Australia.

Northern Australia

We have a strong historical and emerging focus in Northern Australia, partnering with communities to build knowledge of environmental and cultural assets, and provide a crucial intellectual voice to inform and respond to the government agenda. The North Australia Research Unit in Darwin helps facilitate our research in the region.

Science

Space sciences

Exploration of cosmology, galaxies, stars and exoplanets at ANU is seeing us partner with global initiatives, such as the Giant Magellan Telescope, two optical observatories, and internationally respected luminaries like Nobel laureate Professor Brian Schmidt AC, FRS, FAA.

New materials & processes

ANU conducts extensive research into materials science and manufacturing, chemical synthesis, nanoscience and nanotechnology and their application in many industries, including biomedical, space, manufacturing and energy.

Information age

Through mathematics, computer science, business information systems, and engineering, we're working to improve the capabilities of technology, and its ability to perform tasks more efficiently and accurately, while managing digital change.

Read our research news

Discover the latest developments in our research expertise, study programs, industry partnerships, cross-disciplinary collaborations and cutting-edge facilities.



[Learn more](#)



“I’m studying part-time while working for the ACT Government, and I’m finding my degree program very flexible and accommodating. It’s also a great fit with what I’m doing in my job and informs how I do it. At work I’ve recently taken on the temporary role of solar storage policy manager. I had been focusing on battery storage in my studies and really believe that without this as part of my master’s, I would not have had the knowledge to do the role and progress my career in this way.”

Megan Ward

Master of Energy Change



“I really value the balance in my degree between theory and practical learning. The placement I did with Mulligans Flat –a protected woodland sanctuary –was a great experience. It was an opportunity to directly contribute to environmental science communication; to spend time in nature working alongside other passionate people and increase awareness and appreciation of the yellow box grassy woodlands and its inhabitants. It was a 10/10 experience.”

Tiah Penny

Master of Science Communication

How to fund your degree

Ways to fund your tuition fees and study expenses include getting a student loan, gaining credit for prior learning or choosing a degree that has Commonwealth Supported Places in it. Explore the options.

1. Defer fees to a FEE-HELP student loan

FEE-HELP is a loan scheme that defers paying your tuition fees until you are earning above the threshold set by the Australian Government. The loan scheme does not cover other study costs, such as accommodation, laptops or textbooks. Postgraduate courses are exempt from the FEE-HELP 20% loan fee.



Learn more about FEE-HELP

2. Gain credit for study or work experience

Credit for prior study or exceptional work experience reduces the cost of your degree by saving you from having to complete a course. Course credit can be equivalent to the value of a specific ANU course (specified credit) or not equivalent (unspecified credit) and count towards a major, minor or elective course.



Learn more about course credit

3. Claim study expenses in your tax return

Studying towards a formal postgraduate qualification to increase your skills for your current job may mean you can claim deductions for self-education expenses in your tax return. These expenses include tuition fees, stationery, textbooks, photocopying, computing costs and the student services and amenities fee.

Learn more about claiming self-education expenses on the Australian Taxation Office website, ato.gov.au.

4. Ask your employer to pay for your degree

Most employers budget for professional development and further study is one of the best ways to build your skillset while adding value to your organisation. If your employer is going to gain from your studies, it's worth asking if they will pay for your degree.

5. Get a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)

Some ANU postgraduate coursework master's degrees have Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) in them. These places are limited, and

allocation is competitive, but if you receive a CSP the government will subsidise your tuition fees so you will only have to pay the remaining student contribution amount. ANU will consider you for a CSP based on merit when you apply.



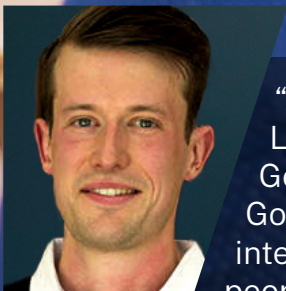
Learn more about CSPs

6. Apply for a scholarship

ANU offers a variety of postgraduate scholarships every year. Their availability depends on the program you choose, the academic college managing it and your circumstances. Start by viewing ANU domestic postgraduate scholarships and find out if you're eligible.



Browse postgraduate scholarships



“As part of the Leslie Zines Constitutional Law Scholarship, I interned at the Attorney General’s Department and the Australian Government Solicitor for 10 weeks. I dealt with interesting legal issues, worked with some great people, and engaged with a variety of matters in constitutional law – an area I was keen to explore. The internship allowed me to gain experience in a field that can feel quite abstract and academic when you study it in the classroom, and to get a taste of the sort professional of work I would like to pursue in the future.”

Christopher Skoglund
Juris Doctor

Coursework applicants

Check our admission requirements but you do not need to meet all of them before you apply. When we receive your application, we'll automatically consider you for a range of scholarships.

Admission requirements

If you're eligible for an offer but not able to meet all our admission requirements by the time you apply, we can make you one on a conditional basis.

Qualifications checklist

I have one of the following:

- ☐ an Australian bachelor's degree or international equivalent
- ☐ an almost completed Australian bachelor's degree or international equivalent*
- ☐ extensive and related work experience**

+ Let us know the date you expect to complete your degree in your application form and then supply us with a copy of it after we make you an offer.

** If you do not have a bachelor's degree, you can provide a curriculum vitae with your ANU application that includes your employment history (duties, responsibilities, hours, name and nature of employer) and provide the contact details of two referees. Your work experience will need to reflect the requirements of the degree you are applying for, so please find out what these are at programsandcourses.anu.edu.au

Related subjects and scores

Some ANU degrees have related or 'cognate' subjects that you will need to have completed. Some also have a minimum grade point average (GPA). You can learn more about these by clicking on 'Admissions and fees' tab in your degree program's web page.

Supporting documentation

You will need to upload to your application clear, colour copies of your:

- academic transcripts
- graduation certificates
- curriculum vitae
- any other admission-related documents that your degree requires.

How to apply

You can list up to three degrees on your application. Make sure you do this in order of preference as we only send offers for the highest eligible program.

Applying is free.

ANU takes approximately 4–6 weeks to assess applications – and then releases offers on a rolling basis. We will automatically consider you for some scholarships you're eligible for, but you may need to apply for others separately.

You need to apply for accommodation separately. Learn more on page 12.

Apply directly to ANU

Create an account in the ANU application portal. Upload your details and follow the prompts to navigate your way through each step. You can log out and go back to your application at any time before submitting it.



Go to the ANU application portal

Find a scholarship

View all ANU domestic postgraduate scholarships and find out how to apply for them.



Browse postgraduate scholarships

Application deadlines 2025/26*

- **For study in Semester 1**
7 February
- **For study in Semester 2**
11 July

*All dates are subject to change.

Find your degree

Browse our coursework and research degrees and discover the GPA and the admissions requirements you'll need to meet before applying to ANU.



Search programs and courses

Talk to us

The members of our Future Student Experience team can answer any questions you have about our degrees and the application process.



Talk to ANU

Higher degrees by research (HDR) applicants

Find a supervisor at ANU before you apply. When we receive your application, we will automatically consider you for a University Research Scholarship.

Admission requirements

To study a higher degree by research at ANU, you must have one of the following:

- an Australian bachelor's degree with at least second-class honours, or the international equivalent[^]
- another degree with a significant research/thesis component
- a combination of qualifications, research publications and/or professional experience related to your field of study.

Before you apply, you must also have the approval of a supervisor and/or one of our colleges.

Your application should include:

- a short, draft research proposal
- a list of three referees and their contact details
- original and translated copies of your supporting documents, such as academic transcripts and graduation certificates.

[^] Some programs may require upper first-class honours.

Find a supervisor

Finding the right supervisor is the most important first step of your HDR journey. Your supervisor will guide you throughout the program.

Researchers at ANU belong to one of seven academic colleges. Start by exploring the ones in the college whose disciplines are most relevant to you. You may find that more than one college can offer you supervision in your study area.

Applying for a PhD or MPhil is a bit like applying for a job, so it's a good idea to approach your supervisor in a professional manner. Take the time to explore their research and publications before you get in touch. Write a brief email introducing yourself and why you will be a good fit as an HDR candidate in their research area.

You need the approval of a potential supervisor and the endorsement of their ANU college before you can apply to ANU. Colleges and supervisors may also have their own application process, so make sure you ask if this is the case.

Explore research areas

We are a research-intensive university and our research priorities reflect the challenges facing the world today.



Discover research areas

Talk to an ANU college

College staff assess HDR applications and will rank yours against other candidates'. If they endorse you, ANU will automatically consider you for a scholarship.



Discover the application process for your research area

Central scholarship rounds

- **For study in Semester 1**
31 October
- **For study in Semester 2**
15 April

How to apply

Apply through the ANU postgraduate application portal at any time of the year. Make sure that you do this within the deadline of any scholarships you may be considering.

We take approximately 6–8 weeks to assess applications. This could take longer if we're also considering you for a HDR scholarship.

You need to apply for accommodation separately. Learn more on page 12.

Start your research application

Log in to the ANU application portal. It's free! Once you register, you can log out and go back to your application at any time.



Go to the ANU application portal

Contact the Graduate Research Office

The team can help you with any queries you have about the status of your application or connect you to your college or research area.

Email: gro@anu.edu.au
Phone: 02 6125 5777

Find your degree

Browse our coursework and research degrees and discover the GPA and the admissions requirements you'll need to meet before applying to ANU.



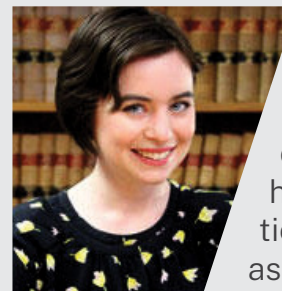
Search programs and courses

Learn more about HDR admission

Find out how to apply for a research degree at ANU that could see you contributing substantially to your field or discipline.



Follow the steps



“Prior to my doctoral studies, I had held a range of different legal roles. I had been a lawyer in a top-tier firm and held positions as an associate in a Supreme Court and a researcher at the High Court. While I enjoyed law, I enjoyed researching and thinking about law more than the practice of it, so I decided to pursue a higher degree by research (HDR) full-time and in person. There is a large HDR community here at ANU and a lot more support services available to candidates than at other institutions. There are also generous funding allowances, which allowed me to spend time at other institutions in Canada and the UK and to attend national and international conferences. I know that if I had attended another university, I would not have had the same opportunities I've had at ANU.”

Alice Taylor

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Law



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