ANU Academic Skills

Research Writing

Your thesis: getting you there
The Academic Skills and Learning Centre (ASLC) offers workshops, individual consultations and online resources tailored to research students’ specific disciplines. Using examples from students’ fields, our curriculum for higher degree research students provides tools and strategies for managing, writing, presenting and publishing research.

Start me up
Knowing how to approach your project can be a major challenge in your candidature. If you get it right, it can be smooth sailing and you will be on your way to completing your program in good time. In these workshops, learn how to make the most out of your first year, what is expected during your program, and how to plan and complete your early research milestones efficiently and successfully. Workshops include:
- Research project management
- Thesis structures
- Introductions
- Literature Reviews
- Thesis Proposal Reviews

Keep me going
When it comes to writing your thesis, publishing and presenting your research, it is crucial to use effective communication strategies to convey the value of your scholarship. Learn how to write outstanding journal articles and chapters that contribute meaningfully to your thesis. Discover the process of getting the most out of feedback, and learn how to write with authority and flair. Along the way, get tips on presenting your research in seminars and at conferences. Workshops include:
- Chapter writing
- Style and voice
- Mid-term reviews
- Journal article writing
- Getting the most out of feedback
- Presentations
- Posters

Hand me in
Finishing your thesis and editing your work is a complex task. We demystify how to write a strong conclusion and how to edit your work systematically. These sessions help you through that final hurdle of polishing your work for a successful completion. Workshops include:
- Conclusions
- Editing

Get in touch with us to arrange combinations of these workshops tailored specifically for your discipline.
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Research project management
How do you go about successfully managing a large research project from start to finish over a number of years? This workshop is ideal for research students at the start of their program although those further into their studies are welcome to attend. The 2-hour workshop covers topics such as project management, reading and research strategies, information management tools and strategies, and literature reviews.
Register: aslc.eventbrite.com

One to one appointments
The ASLC offers individual consultations to help you with your research project. These sessions are developmental, that is we assist you to develop strategies and skills that will help you throughout your candidature. The sessions in the early part of your project might cover managing the project, researching and note taking, or writing your research proposal. Later on sessions might cover planning your thesis structure or writing individual chapters.
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Online resources
Our research writing website has self paced resources to step you through various aspects of the research writing process. There are ideas and activities for HDR students at various stages of their candidature.
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