

Working with ANU graduate research students



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Higher degree research students at the ANU



Developing innovative future leaders

Higher Degree Research students at the Australian National University are mentored by world-leading experts, have access to state-of-the-art research facilities and are part of a supportive community and culture of discovery.

Through their studies at the ANU, HDR students are being equipped with qualities fundamental for innovation: advanced and complex knowledge of a specialised field, the highest level of critical thinking skills and the ability to interpret, apply and transmit that knowledge.

The length, independence and individualistic nature of postgraduate research studies foster initiative and resilience, which are necessary capabilities for driving change and solutions-based work in industry environments. Many HDR students have prior work experience, further adding to their skills and capabilities.

How you will benefit



Working with an ANU HDR student provides an exciting opportunity you to develop innovative solutions to complex problems. Collaborating with ANU will give you access to our research expertise and resources, as well as our extensive partner network, creating important connections and maximising your business potential. HDR students can be engaged with industry through their entire candidature or for more discrete periods via a research internship.

The ANU is open to partner with a range of research end-users, such as businesses, governments, government business enterprises, NGOs, not-for-profit groups and community organisations.

Key opportunities for you include

- Cost-effective way of utilising the services of talented individuals.
- Tap into up-and-coming talent pool for future recruitment.
- Benefit from a research perspective, academic background and unique skillset that can enable increased productivity in projects of mutual interest.
- Create mentoring opportunities for staff within your organisation.
- Foster long term research collaboration and engagement with the ANU.

Why partner with the ANU



Ranked as #1 university in Australia in the 2022 QS ranking.



Connect with world-class expertise, innovations and infrastructure.



Tap into a diverse talent pool of HDR students studying in the natural and social sciences, arts, medicine, engineering, computing, law, business and economics.

Pathways for engaging with ANU HDR students

Research internships

- During their candidature, ANU HDR students complete a 3-6 month discrete project related to their research field within the host organisation.
- Students apply their knowledge and skills to a problem relevant to the host's business.

Industry PhDs

- Projects are co-designed between the ANU and the industry host.
- Once the project is approved for funding, one or more PhD students can apply to work on it.
- The PhD student is co-supervised by the ANU and the industry host.

Co-Supervision

- The industry partner is part of the HDR students Supervisory Panel and provides advice and expertise during the HDR project.
- Throughout the HDR candidature, the industry partner grows their insights into innovative approaches in their field of business.

Funding a Scholarship or HDR research

- Sponsoring a scholarship is one pathway to directly support an HDR student and inspire the next generation of leaders and change makers.
- Donating to a research area supports HDR students to receive the very best training and access to state-of-the-art facilities.



Contact us to see how ANU expertise can contribute to the success of your organisation: Office of the Dean (HDR) odhdr@anu.edu.au