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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 global communities around you.

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

About ANU

#1 most employable graduates in Australia
5 stars for student to staff ratio and staff qualifications
#1 most international university
17,000+ students from 100 countries around the world
6,490 beds on campus including a guaranteed accommodation offer for students starting their studies in 2024
6 Nobel laureates among ANU staff and alumni
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Going boldly where none have gone before

Seven years after taking on the top job at ANU, world-renowned astrophysicist Brian Schmidt reflects on winning the Nobel Prize and the challenges of shaping a national university.

When fictional USS Enterprise commander Captain James T. Kirk declared his starship’s mission was to explore the mysterious outer reaches of space – to “boldly go where no [one] has gone before” – he may well have benefitted from having an enthusiastic 27-year-old PhD graduate by the name of Brian Schmidt on board.

Brian – who in 1998 made a startling discovery that turned conventional wisdom about the universe on its head – is nothing if not persistent when it comes to scientific discovery.

When he was a postdoctoral researcher at the University’s Mount Stromlo Observatory, Brian discovered the universe is expanding at an accelerating rate, not contracting as previously understood, and that more than 70 per cent of its mass is made up of a dark energy nobody knew existed.

The extraordinary finding was named discovery of the year by Science magazine and earned him the 2011 Nobel Prize in Physics.

It’s surprising, then, that the man who counts a highly successful seven-year stint as ANU vice-chancellor among his myriad career achievements almost wasn’t accepted into the university that has undergone an incredible transformation under his leadership.

In 1995 the Montana-born science-lover, with undergraduate degrees in astronomy and physics from the University of Arizona and a PhD from Harvard under his belt, arrived in Canberra with his Australian wife Jennifer Gordon seeking work.

While economist Jennifer received six job offers almost immediately, Brian found it more difficult to catch a break. “Mount Stromlo Observatory at ANU is one of the best places in the world to do astronomy so that was a great job for me, but it took me four attempts [to get in],” he says.

“Yes, I had just done my PhD at Harvard but that doesn’t mean you get a free pass to come to ANU. I was in an international selection three times. It was a very strong field.”

On his fourth attempt he cracked it by pitching his ambitious idea for the experiment that would ultimately lead to his discovery of cosmic acceleration.

“Jeremy Mould, who was director at Mount Stromlo at the time, knew [my idea] was a little crazy but it was bold, and he gave me a job and the resources I needed to run a global team,” he says.

“There are not many [universities] that would allow a 27-year-old post doc to do this huge experiment and give them the resources and the freedom to do it. That was what really made [the Nobel Prize] happen.”
who provided the support, guidance and mentoring that’s an important part of things too.”

The breakthrough, he explains, means that as the expansion of the universe continues at pace, we will see less and less of it over time. “Parts of the universe we can see today we won’t be able to see tomorrow. They will literally disappear,” he says.

Known today as Professor Brian Schmidt AC, FRS, FAA, he describes the aftermath of his discovery as “a wild ride”.

“You publish, as one does, and you wait and see if someone is going to go. ‘Oh you guys screwed up’. But after a couple of weeks [with no negative feedback] you go, okay, interesting…” he says.

When a separate ground-breaking study led by American astrophysicist Saul Perlmutter (jointly awarded the Nobel Prize in 2011) corroborated the findings of Brian’s team, any further doubt evaporated.

As a kid, Brian was interested in astronomy. “I knew I would enjoy it because it would teach me physics, engineering, coding, mathematics and more, and these would all be very useful skills to get a job. I was absolutely right about that.”

He insists that the key to a rewarding career is to do something you enjoy and not to prejudge whether you’ll be successful until you give it a try.

“There are lots of things you can do in life, not just one thing. I could easily have ended up in the tech boom of the early nineties doing computer programming or engineering if I hadn’t stayed in academia.”

Brian says the work he has done since his 2016 appointment as vice-chancellor of ANU comes close to winning a Nobel Prize in terms of job satisfaction.

Under his leadership, ANU has attracted more Australian students than ever before, transformed its campus with new facilities and residences, and seen scholars win major national and international prizes despite the unprecedented challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I hope that under my leadership the University has coalesced around a direction and vision for what it wants to be… [which is] different than any other university in Australia,” he says.

Brian will step down from the vice-chancellor role at the end of 2023. As for leaving the University where he feels he still has so much more to do? Highly illogical, as Star Trek’s resident Vulcan might say.

“I’m not leaving. I was pretty sure I’d stay when I started the job in 2016,” he says.

“I'd like to create a class that will explore contemporary Australian issues across everything from law to physics, but intertwined with First Nations perspectives and with what in a modern Australia the issues and possibilities are.”
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, or National Museum, 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 blue-sky 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. 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
If you’re coming to Canberra from out of town, ANU guarantees you a room in a student residence. Learn more about the ANU accommodation guarantee on page 12.

A capital city to love
#1 highest average income and lowest unemployment in Australia
Why Study in Canberra 2022
#1 most sustainable city in Australia
The World’s Most Sustainable Cities 2021
#3 smartest city in the world
IMD Smart City Index 2023
25% of people speak a language other than English
Multicultural Canberra 2022
“My learning experience throughout both my bachelor and my current postgraduate degree has been amazing. ANU offers a large range of courses that have allowed 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
YOUR LEARNING EXPERIENCE

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.

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. All ANU courses are taught in innovative spaces that encourage exploration and collaboration.

Take an internship course
During your degree, you may be able to 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
Our 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 your critical thinking skills.

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

Other research 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 our other 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 on 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 completing 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 a smaller school than my previous university, 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 work opportunities.

Talk with employers

Each year, we will invite you to the Career Connect fair, usually held in Semester 2. It brings industries and companies together on campus so you can 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 or Taiwanese government departments or agencies. We also offer internship courses in non-policy disciplines. Learn more on page 6.

Mingle with other researchers

Research support is about connection and collaboration. In fact, we have a Research and Innovation Services office which provides our higher degrees by research (HDR) communities with training, fellowships and support, and a Graduate Research Office that works with researchers directly. Training and activities where you’ll 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 convener.

Attend ANU events

Events are held in person and online. They are great opportunities to meet other like-minded people and talk to academics and special guests. You can attend tours of campus, author and artist talks, panel discussions, lectures, music ensembles and conversations with experts about aspects of their research.

Connect with alumni around the world

Among our alumni are former Australian prime minister Dr Kevin Rudd AC, Queensland premier Annastacia Palaszczuk and Indonesia’s former foreign minister Dr Raden Mohammad Marty Muliana Natalegawa – as well as several 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.

Over 100 clubs and societies

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


Explore events calendar

ANU events share and celebrate research, education, policy engagement and community. Listen to podcasts and attend lectures and panel discussions with some of the world’s finest thinkers.

Discover ANU events
Some degrees, such as the Master of Business Administration, have alternative application dates and processes.

“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 there 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 not only survive from their crops, but to generate profits. My dissertation research led me to my next job, which was working on a very similar project in Cambodia under the United Nations.”

Gareth Quirke
Graduate, Master of Environment (Advanced)
YOUR LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Support for your success

Fitting further study around your other commitments requires support, and we provide it in spades. Whether it’s childcare or accommodation you need to meet your goals, academic advice – or even career guidance and enrolment help, it’s 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 committee-run, not-for-profit centres, while others are privately owned and run.

Enrolment advice
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 payment of fees and how to get ready to graduate. Your ANU college can also provide you with similar support.

Academic skills
We present workshops and one-on-one sessions on academic writing, research techniques, communication strategies, referencing, academic integrity and how to prepare for exams. Just tell us what you need, and we’ll provide it.

Career planning
The ANU Careers team can give you one-on-one practical advice about your current or next career and will point you to resources that can help you 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 to see a doctor or nurse. Best of all, these services are free to students.

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.

Candidate support
Our Graduate Research Office supports higher degrees by research (HDR) candidates. It manages enrolment, leave and extensions, thesis submissions, examinations and restrictions, and coordinates scholarship rounds.

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

Centre for First Nations students
If you’re an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre can provide you with academic support, pastoral care and advice. It’s also a place to gather, study and heat up your lunch.

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

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

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 offered interns, along 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 transition easily between university, 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 all first-year postgraduate students 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 2023 ranged between AUD309 and AUD350 per week.

Choose your room
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 at 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.

Ride or drive to campus
You can travel to and from campus on Canberra’s efficient light rail and bus networks or ride your bike on the shared paths that connect the CBD with the suburbs. Affordable car parking is also available on campus.
“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
YOUR STUDY OPTIONS

Find your next challenge

From arts, politics and languages to science, cybernetics, health, law and Asia-Pacific studies, there’s a postgraduate degree for you at ANU. Each has exceptional knowledge and learning experiences to get you where you want to go.

Coursework degrees

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

ANU also provides the following coursework programs.

Flexible double master degree

Unique to ANU, the powerful flexible double master degree is a two-year study program of the ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences. Build yours by combining two master’s programs from the list below.

- Art history and curatorial studies
- Contemporary art
- Digital humanities and public culture
- Diplomacy
- History

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 our research areas on page 20 and discover how to apply for research degrees on page 28.
“In my personal experience, the staff at the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies at ANU have always been approachable and continually display that they are all 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
## OUR STUDY OPTIONS

### 160 postgraduate programs

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

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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.

*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.
YOUR STORIES

In their words

Two current students and a member of our alumni talk about the ANU learning experience, why they chose to study with us, and some of the skills and knowledge they have gained during their degree.

Trinity King
Master of Laws

Canberra is the home of the Australian Government. It 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. This is 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.

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 this was a place I could imagine myself being in for the next three to four years. It was a gut feeling. I signed up for a double degree in art and visual art, but switched to focusing on visual art when I found there was just so much to it.

I really liked how at first we were immersed in studio practice and there was this tradition of materials I found really 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 only 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 that I like to consider in my work and research.

Jordan McMahon
Master of Science (Advanced) in Theoretical Physics

When I was deciding on which university I wanted to attend, I looked at the project I would spend the next few years of my life on. Looking at the projects on offer, it was clear that ANU had the most extensive range, 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.
YOUR RESEARCH OPTIONS

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 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 which 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 a college that really thought about how systems operate in a physical and social environment.”

Ned Cooper
Master of Applied Cybernetics
Y/OUR 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.

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 the 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 between theory and practical learning in my degree. 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; spending time in nature working alongside passionate people and increasing awareness and appreciation of the yellow box grassy woodlands and its inhabitants with others. It was a 10/10 experience.”

Tiah Penny
Master of Science Communication
YOUR FINANCES

How to fund your degree

Ways to fund your tuition fees and other study expenses include getting a student loan, gaining credit for prior learning or choosing a degree that has Commonwealth Supported Places in it. You may also be able to claim deductions for tuition and textbooks in your tax return.

1. Defer your 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 fund 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.

Learn more about CSPs.

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 automatically consider you for a CSP based on merit when you apply.

6. Apply for a scholarship
ANU offers 200-plus scholarships every year. Their availability depends on the course you choose, the college managing it and your circumstances. Start by viewing all ANU domestic postgraduate scholarships and find out how to apply for them. We will automatically consider you for some scholarships when you apply.

Browse postgraduate scholarships
“As part of the 2018 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 professional 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 of work I would like to pursue in the future.”

Christopher Skoglund
Juris Doctor
YOUR APPLICATION

Coursework applicants

Make sure you meet our admission requirements before you apply. When we receive your application, we’ll automatically consider you for a range of scholarships.

Admission requirements

Check that you meet the following requirements now. Doing this will make the application process smoother for you.

Qualifications checklist

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

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) for you to meet. Learn more about these by clicking on the ‘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 documents your degree requires.

How to apply

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

Applying is free.

ANU takes approximately 4–6 weeks to assess applications – and then releases offers on a rolling basis. We automatically consider applicants for some scholarships; you need to apply for others separately.

Apply for accommodation separately. Learn more on page 12.

Apply directly to ANU

Create an account in the ANU postgraduate 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.

Find a scholarship

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

Find program-specific deadlines

Search unique application deadlines

Application deadlines 2024/25

- Semester 1
  - 31 January
- Semester 2
  - 30 June

Qualifications checklist

I have one of the following:

F an Australian bachelor’s degree or international equivalent
F an almost completed Australian bachelor’s degree or international equivalent
F 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 on the program and courses web pages at programsandcourses.anu.edu.au

Go to the ANU application portal

Browse postgraduate scholarships
Find your degree

Browse our coursework and research degrees and discover GPA, prerequisite subject and any other 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
YOUR APPLICATION

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 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.

Find a supervisor

Finding the right supervisor is the most important first step of your higher degree by research journey. Your supervisor will guide you throughout your research program.

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.

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.

In most areas, you must have the approval of a potential supervisor before we can consider your application. Talk to your school or college to find out if you need to meet this requirement before you apply. They may also have their own application process for you to follow.

Explore research areas

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

Talk to an ANU college

Speak with a college about finding a supervisor. College staff assess HDR applications. If they endorse you, they will automatically consider you for a scholarship.

^ Some programs may require upper first-class honours.
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

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

Find your degree

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

Contact the Graduate Research Office

We 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

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 had held positions as an associate in a Supreme Court and as 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 focus on pursuing a higher degree by research (HDR) full-time and to study it in person. There is a large HDR community here at ANU and a lot more support services available to candidates here than at other institutions. There are also generous funding allowances for HDR candidates, and this allowed me to spend time at other institutions in Canada and the UK and attend many national and international conferences. I know that if I had attended another university, I would not have had the same opportunities that I’ve had at ANU.”

Alice Taylor
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Law
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