Macquarie’s languages and linguistics research is of high international standing. In the Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) 2012 evaluation our linguistics research received a rating of ‘performance above world standard’, as did our language, communication and culture research. Additionally, our research in the sub-disciplines of language studies, and literary studies received a rating of ‘performance at world standard’.

Our linguistics research spans a range of topics from intercultural communication to language sciences including child language disorders. We are world leaders in language acquisition research, and sign language teaching and research, and are home to one of the world’s pre-eminent sign language researchers, as well as renowned researchers in applied linguistics, TESOL and professional communication.

Additionally, Macquarie is recognised as having one of the top 100 language departments in the world, excelling internationally in modern and ancient languages.

The nexus between language and culture informs research into historical and contemporary transnationalism as well as political and social developments in Europe, Asia and Latin America; migration and globalisation and their impact on cultural, linguistic and literary productions; and language teaching and computer-mediated communication in second language acquisition, as well as language teaching methodology more generally.

High-profile researchers include an ARC Federation Fellow, a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, Fellows of the Australian Academy of Humanities, and a Fellow of the Association for Computational Linguistics.

As an HDR candidate at Macquarie you will have the opportunity to conduct your research alongside several of the world’s finest scholars and have access to some of the region’s most outstanding facilities.
Highlights

- Macquarie is home to the Concentration of Research Excellence in Language Sciences which brings a combination of theoretical, experimental and computational approaches to the investigation of live issues in the production and comprehension of languages across the human life span.

- Macquarie hosts the ARC Centre of Excellence in Cognition and its Disorders and is home to the KIT-Macquarie Brain Research Laboratory which houses the world’s first child MEG and Australasia’s first whole-head adult MEG system.

- Industry partnerships with leading organisations including Kanazawa Institute of Technology (KIT), KIT Applied Electronics Laboratory, and Yokogawa Electric Corporation.

Facilities

- Australian Hearing Hub
- KIT-Macquarie Brain Research laboratory (MEG lab)
- Purpose-built clinical facilities in audiology and speech pathology
- Simultaneous interpreting facilities

Support

HDR candidates are provided with strong academic and administrative support. This includes:

- Commencement and Completion programs
- Discipline-specific research training units, including workshops in research communication, presentation skills, academic writing skills, thesis planning, and poster preparation
- Experienced supervisors and department-based higher degree research directors
- Financial support for eligible candidates for a range of research-related activity
- Regular progress reports and interviews, and/or work-in-progress presentations in which research candidates receive feedback on their work from a panel of academics in their field