From research into the gender pay gap, portable long service leave and corporate moral responsibility to the Australian self-medication industry, aviation safety and retail therapy, Macquarie's business researchers are uniquely positioned to help shape the complex issues that define the future of humanity.

We actively engage in research that responds to Macquarie's five future-shaping research priorities:

1. **Healthy people**: Projects investigating health population, work, health and safety, integrated care and health innovation.

2. **Resilient societies**: Projects investigating risk management relating to sustainable natural and human systems, societal transformation, flow of goods, information and money across international boundaries, maximising economic and social participation, and identifying vulnerabilities of changing natural and human systems.

3. **Prosperous economies**: Projects investigating means to lift productivity, delivering skills for the new economy, macroeconomic policies, financial literacy development, and performance incentive and controls.

4. **Secure planet**: Projects investigating risk management for sustainable natural and human systems, developing knowledge of the changing distribution and connectivity of water systems, security management, cyber risk and international regulations.

5. **Innovative technologies**: Projects investigating telework systems, governance in information systems, and innovation in learning technologies.
Higher degree research in business

Higher degree research is based around three programs: Bachelor of Philosophy/Master of Research, Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy.

Bachelor of Philosophy/Master of Research

Macquarie was the first Australian university to align with international research training qualifications. Combining advanced coursework and structured research training, the two-year program equips you with intensive research preparation before beginning doctoral study.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The program is available in all of Macquarie's research areas, allowing you access to a variety of disciplines so you can construct a program relevant to your specific interests, subject to academic approval.

In the first year, you will undertake advanced coursework units in your area of study. If you successfully complete Year 1 and decide not to continue, you can exit the program with a Bachelor of Philosophy.

The second year is a masters-level postgraduate research training program. You will specialise in research preparation and focus on a specific research topic. You are required to submit a thesis of 20,000 words for completion.

MASTER OF RESEARCH SUPPORT

Domestic students are supported by the Australian Government (HECS) in Year 1 and the Research Training Scheme (RTS) in Year 2.

Macquarie offers several scholarships that may pay full or partial stipends, depending on individual circumstances. Additional funding is available in Year 2.

Experienced supervisors provide advice, thesis guidance, industry insights and networking opportunities, proactive training in research, and statistical and thesis writing.

Master of Philosophy

The two-year Master of Philosophy is examined by a thesis of approximately 40,000 words. To enter the degree, you must have completed Macquarie’s Master of Research with at least 65 per cent in the second year or hold a masters degree from another institution with a major research component (at least 50 per cent thesis, approximately 20,000 words, performance at least 75 per cent).

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY SUPPORT

Funding of up to $5000 is available over the course of candidature for fieldwork, research visits, conferences and data sets. An additional $5000 from the Macquarie Postgraduate Research Fund is awarded on a competitive basis.

PhD

The three-year PhD is examined by a thesis of 75,000–100,000 words. To enter the PhD, you must have completed Macquarie’s Master of Research with at least 75 per cent in the second year, a Master of Philosophy or a masters degree from another institution with a major research component (at least 50 per cent thesis, approximately 20,000 words, performance at least 75 per cent).

PHD SUPPORT

Funding of up to $10,000 is available over the course of candidature for fieldwork, research visits, conferences and data sets. An additional $5000 from the Macquarie Postgraduate Research Fund is awarded on a competitive basis, as is a $10,000 faculty Research Excellence Award. A number of competitive tuition fee and/or stipends are available to suitably qualified candidates.

COTUTELLE AND JOINT PHDS

Many of our doctoral candidates undertake a cotutelle or joint PhD with an international university. As a cotutelle candidate, you conduct your research under the supervision of two sets of supervisors and have access to centres of research excellence and resources at both universities.

“Through the cotutelle program I was able to extend my international network while at the same time be a fully integrated PhD student at two top ranked universities.”

Dominik Chahabadi, cotutelle candidate, Macquarie University and University of Göttingen, Germany