AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

**Ancient history**
- Ancient Greek history and society
- Archaeology and history of ancient Israel
- Archaeology, numismatics and papyrology
- Archaeology of ancient Iran
- China/Silk Road/Central Asia
- Coptic studies
- Early Christian and Jewish Asia
- Egyptology
- Languages (Coptic, Egyptian, Greek, Hebrew, Latin)
- Late Antiquity and Byzantium
- Near Eastern Art and Archaeology
- Roman history and society

**Modern history**
- Aboriginal history
- Australian history
- Big History
- Biography
- British history
- Early Atlantic and Pacific history
- Empire and postcolonial history
- Family history
- Gender and feminist history
- History of sexuality
- Literary history and historiography
- Media and popular culture
- Orientalism in history
- Renaissance Italy
- World history

RESEARCH HUBS

- Australian History Museum
- Museum of Ancient Cultures
- Ancient Cultures Research Centre (incorporating the Ancient History Documentary Research Centre and the Australian Centre for Egyptology)
- Australian Centre for Ancient Numismatic Studies
- Big History Institute
- Centre for the History of Christian Thought and Experience
- Concentration of Research Excellence in Ancient Cultures
- Concentration of Research Excellence in Social, Cultural and Political Change

From research into the CT scanning of ancient artefacts, Egyptian mummification and ancient spells to the Gallipoli campaign and war brides, Macquarie’s history and archaeology researchers are uniquely positioned to help shape the complex issues that define the future of humanity.

The scope of research in history and archaeology at Macquarie is unique in Australia. Our research spans periods from Eurasian and Australian prehistory to the present, utilising diverse archival and archaeological materials; and varying approaches from Big History to microstudies, including innovative reflection upon the nature of historical inquiry.

Our high-profile researchers – who include six Fellows of the Australian Academy of the Humanities, two Fellows of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and an ARC Future Fellow – enjoy valuable international collaborations with institutions such as the Universities of Cambridge, Göttingen, Leipzig, London, Oxford and Tsinghua; British Museum; Louvre Museum; National Museum of Iran; Ministry of State for Antiquities, Egypt; Institute of Historical Research, London; L’Institut français d’archéologie orientale, Cairo; The New School, New York; and Quanzhou Maritime Museum, China.

Our researchers also enjoy an international reputation as leaders in their fields. In the most recent Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) evaluation, our history and archaeology research received a rating of ‘performance above world standard’.

As a higher degree research candidate at Macquarie, you will have the opportunity to research alongside some of the best academics and researchers in not just Australia but the world, and have access to outstanding facilities.
Highlights

- Macquarie is the only Australian university with a licence to dig in Egypt's Nile Valley, supported by a state-of-the-art Archaeological Field Laboratory.
- Macquarie’s Museum of Ancient Cultures houses Australia’s largest papyrological collection.
- Macquarie houses the Australian Centre for Ancient Numismatic Studies, an internationally recognised leader in the study of ancient numismatics.
- Macquarie is home to the Big History Institute, which provides a hub for scholars interested in interdisciplinary research on the interconnected history of the cosmos, Earth, life and humanity.

Support

You will be provided with individualised support, as well as a range of opportunities, at all stages of your research degree, including:

- higher degree research learning skills advisers who provide valuable training options such as workshops in research communication, presentation skills, academic writing skills, thesis planning and more
- inspirational supervision and mentoring
- a candidature management plan that closely supports progress, commencement programs, work-in-progress reviews, and presentations providing opportunities for feedback from a panel of academics
- real-world engagement with opportunities for cotutelle and joint degrees
- financial support for a range of research-related activities
- world-class facilities
- a transformative research experience that fosters cross-disciplinary collaboration.

RESEARCH LEADERS

Meet some of our internationally renowned researchers.

Professor David Christian’s research focuses on Big History, of which Macquarie is the intellectual birthplace. Big History presents new ways of understanding our universe, our world and humanity. In 2004, he published the first text on Big History, and is currently working with the support of Bill Gates to create an online course in Big History for high schools.

Professor Naguib Kanawati AM is one of the most distinguished Egyptologists of his generation, and his work in archaeology and art history is internationally recognised. He is credited with establishing the Rundle Foundation for Egyptian Archaeology (now with 600 members) and the Australian Centre for Egyptology, of which he is director. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities and holds a Centenary Medal for services to Australian society and the humanities in the study of archaeology.

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