From research into the reporting of war, open-plan classroom acoustics and language learning resources for the deaf to manga and the origins of language, Macquarie’s languages and linguistics researchers are uniquely positioned to help shape the complex issues that define the future of humanity.

Our linguistics research spans a range of topics from intercultural communication to language sciences and child language disorders. We are world leaders in language acquisition research, and are home to renowned researchers in applied linguistics, TESOL and professional communications.

We undertake world-class research into the role of language and languages in the creation and representation of cultural identities and their impact on linguistic and literary products in social life. This includes cutting-edge work on historical and contemporary transnationalism; migration and globalisation; and how languages are learned, taught, used and translated through a range of means and contexts.

Another area of interest is in the theory and history of Asian, European, Latin American and Francophone cultural productions such as literature, film and theatre performances in national and transnational contexts.

Among our high-profile researchers are an ARC Laureate Fellow, 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.

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

Additionally, Macquarie is ranked in the top 100 universities in the world for linguistics and the top 250 for modern languages (QS, 2015).

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

• We have industry partnerships with leading organisations including Kanazawa Institute of Technology (KIT), KIT Applied Electronics Laboratory and Yokogawa Electric Corporation.

• 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 system, and the world’s first MEG system for children and adults with cochlear implants.

• 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.

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 candidacy 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.