From research into the ethics of surgical interventions, organ donation and reproductive cloning to post-adoptive parental obligation and the live sheep export trade, Macquarie’s philosophy researchers are uniquely positioned to help shape the complex issues that define the future of humanity.

The philosophy program at Macquarie has long-standing research strengths in European philosophy, ethics, philosophical psychology, philosophy of mind and social philosophy. More recently, it has also developed specialisations in bioethics, medical ethics and moral cognition.

A distinctive feature of philosophy at Macquarie is our research focus on human agency, mind and self. Recent appointments have consolidated our position at the forefront of research in these fields, with expertise in extended cognition, philosophy of mind and cognition, philosophy of the life sciences, moral responsibility and moral cognition, and philosophy of agency. These are areas in which, increasingly, philosophical research proceeds in partnership with the psychological and cognitive sciences, and which require a range of skills that the higher degree research program at Macquarie is uniquely placed to develop.

Much of this research is conducted within the Macquarie University Research Centre for Agency, Values and Ethics (CAVE), an interdisciplinary centre involving researchers from cognitive science, law, medicine, philosophy and psychology, with strong links to national and international partners. CAVE researchers are involved in significant international collaborations with researchers at universities in Canada, France, Germany, the Netherlands, the UK and the US.

The many workshops, conferences and visitors associated with CAVE and its research connections with the ARC Centre of Excellence in Cognition and its Disorders, provide higher degree research candidates with an especially rich and lively research environment.
**Highlights**

- Macquarie is ranked in the top 100 in the world for philosophy and in the top two in Australasia in the QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2015. These rankings reflect the high impact of our philosophy researchers’ publication output.

- Our researchers have received prestigious research awards and grants in recent years. Additionally, Macquarie hosts a Leverhulme Visiting Professor, four Future Fellows and a Templeton Fellow.

**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 Neil Levy** – on a shared appointment with the University of Oxford – is a recognised expert in neuroethics. His research bolsters a stream with an already strong international profile, around research leaders **Professor Catriona Mackenzie** (autonomy and agency), **Professor Jeanette Kennett** (neuroethics and moral psychology) and **Professor Wendy Rogers** (medical ethics).

- The research cluster in Mind, Brain, Evolution and Culture led by **Associate Professor Richard Menary** has recently made a number of high-profile research appointments:
  - **Associate Professor Menary**, a world leader in philosophy of embodied and extended mind and the philosophy of cognition, was recently awarded an ARC Future Fellowship for his project *Enculturated brain*.
  - **Dr Rachael Brown**, who is leading a project on animal and human cognition, was recently awarded the Sir Karl Popper prize by the *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*.
  - **Dr Colin Klein** was recently awarded a Future Fellowship for his project *Changing your mind by changing your brain*, bringing world-class expertise in philosophy of psychology and neuroscience to this research cluster.
  - **Dr Robert Sinnerbrink** was recently awarded a Future Fellowship for a project on ethics in film. His success is a highlight for the program in European philosophy, where the research of **Professor Nicholas Smith** and **Associate Professor Jean-Philippe Deranty** in contemporary social theory – particularly in the philosophy of work – is recognised internationally.

- **Templeton Fellow Dr Karola Stotz**, a world-renowned philosopher of biology, was awarded a fellowship for her project *Causal foundations of biological information*. 

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