

# GRAfest 2021 Program

## DAY 1 – Thursday 2 December 2021

Time	Session	
9.45am	<b>Welcome to Country</b> Ms Erin Wilkins <b>Conference Opening</b>	
9:50am	Professor Simon Handley Pro Vice-Chancellor, Graduate Research	
10:00am	Professor Sakkie Pretorius Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), Macquarie University	
	Stream 1	Stream 2
10.05am	<b>Thinkwell Workshop - Seven Secrets of Highly Successful Research Candidates</b> <p>What do higher degree research (HDR) candidates do to finish on time, to overcome isolation, doubt and writer's block, and to enjoy the process? And just as importantly what do they do in order to spend guilt-free time with their family and friends and perhaps even have holidays? If this sounds appealing, then this session will be of particular use to you.</p> <p><a href="https://www.ithinkwell.com.au/services-7-secrets-of-highly-successful-research-students">https://www.ithinkwell.com.au/services-7-secrets-of-highly-successful-research-students</a></p> <p><b>Who is it for?</b> Research candidates at any point in their candidature.</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Mr Hugh Kearns</p> <p><b>Host:</b> Dr Juliet Lum GRA, Development Manager, Graduate Research</p>	<b>In Conversation – Journeys in Supervision</b> <p>Join us as our panel of experienced and engaging HDR supervisors chat about their supervisory journey and the valuable lessons they have learned along the way.</p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Associate Professor Tim Doyle</b> Director, Bachelor of Human Sciences Department of Health Sciences Faculty of Medicine, Health, and Human Sciences</li> <li>• <b>Professor Vito Mollica</b> Associate Dean Research Training and Performance, Macquarie Business School</li> <li>• <b>Professor Ronika Power</b> Professor, Department of History and Archaeology, Faculty of Arts</li> <li>• <b>Professor Tracy Rushmer</b> Associate Dean, Research Training and Performance, Faculty of Science and Engineering</li> </ul> <p><b>Who is it for?</b> New and experienced research supervisors</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Professor Jen Cornish GRA, Academic Director, Graduate Research</p>
11.30am		<b>Drop In Virtual Café 1</b> <p>Come along to meet your MQ HDR Mentors. Have a chat, ask a question, meet someone new, ask for advice! Stay for 5 mins or stay the whole session!</p>

12.30pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1.00pm	<p><b>Keynote - The Resilient Researcher</b></p> <p>Dr Shari Walsh BPsych(Hons) PhD Developer and facilitator, Resilient Researcher Psychologist and career development practitioner, Growth Psychology, Brisbane</p> <p>Dr Shari Walsh is an experienced psychologist and career development practitioner who has worked within the academic, organisational and private practice sectors. In her keynote, Shari shares skills and strategies to build and maintain positive psychological wellbeing, effective communication and relationship skills, and career confidence during your research roles and beyond.</p> <p>Shari has a Bachelor of Psychology (Hons) and Doctor of Philosophy (Psychology) from QUT. She is registered with the Psychology Board of Australia and a professional member of the Career Development Association Australia and the National Association of Graduate Career Advisory Services.</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Professor Mark Connor Associate Dean Research Training and Performance Professor of Pharmacology, Macquarie Medical School Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences</p>	
	<b>Stream 1</b>	<b>Stream 2</b>
2.00pm	<p><b>Thinkwell Workshop - Creating the Seven Secrets of Highly Successful Research Candidates (for supervisors)</b></p> <p>You know what your higher degree research (HDR) candidate should be doing, but it just doesn't seem to be happening. Despite your best efforts to set up good habits for your candidate, it does not work. Why is this, and what can you do to make completing an HDR degree easier for your candidates and for you?</p> <p><a href="https://www.ithinkwell.com.au/services-creating-the-7-secrets">https://www.ithinkwell.com.au/services-creating-the-7-secrets</a></p> <p><b>Who is it for?</b> Supervisors of research candidates at any point in their candidature.</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Mr Hugh Kearns <b>Host:</b> Dr Karen Laughton GRA, Supervision Enhancement Manager</p>	<p><b>Drop In Virtual Café 2</b></p> <p>Come along to meet your MQ HDR Mentors. Have a chat, ask a question, meet someone new, ask for advice! Stay for 5 mins or stay the whole session!</p>
3.00pm		<p><b>In Conversation – Alumni Experience</b></p> <p>Hear from five highly successful and motivated MQ Alumni who have completed their doctoral degrees and forged careers, both inside and outside of academia. Learn what they found most valuable and challenging on their pathways to innovative careers within NSW Government, banking and the University sector.</p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Merril Howie</b> (Department of Media, Communications, Creative Arts, Literature and Language)</li> <li>• <b>Dr Luiz Pizzato</b> (School of Computing)</li> <li>• <b>Dr Chiara Pomare</b> (Department of Psychology)</li> <li>• <b>Dr Dragana Stosic</b> (Department of Media, Communications, Creative Arts, Literature and Language)</li> <li>• <b>Dr Samiya Tabassum</b> (Department of Biological Sciences)</li> </ul> <p><b>Chair:</b> Ms Agnieszka Baginska GRA, Strategic Programs Manager</p>
4.30pm	<b>Close</b>	

## Day 2 – Friday 3 December 2021

Time	Session
10.00am	<p><b>Keynote – Career Insights for Graduate Researchers</b></p> <p>Dr Tim O'Meara Strategy Manager-Government and Research at Cytiva, Australia and New Zealand</p> <p>Dr Tim O'Meara has had around 21 steps in his career path, so far, from graduate economist in Canberra, PhD in immunology, biochemistry lecturer, asthma researcher, entrepreneur, environmental health consultant, several business development and leadership roles in CSIRO and Regional Research Manager for GE Healthcare's Global Research Organisation.</p> <p>Tim is now with Cytiva, and his role is to work with Governments, industry and academia to support biopharmaceutical research and biotechnology companies in Australia and New Zealand. Join Tim as he shares his insights into the many career possibilities open to graduate researchers.</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Professor Vito Mollica Associate Dean Research Training and Performance, Macquarie Business School</p>
10.45am	<b>Morning tea</b>
11.00am	<p><b>MQ Supervisor panel - You Can't Ask That!</b></p> <p>Join four of our experienced and popular supervisors as they tackle the answers to those questions you have always wanted to ask (but didn't think you could!)</p> <p>If you could anonymously ask one question – any question at all – about being a supervisor, what would your question be? Most embarrassing moment? What they do when their candidates are smarter than they are? How do they feel when they fail? Or the real question all candidates ponder from time to time – do they ever actually read anything you send to them?</p> <p>Following registration for this session, you'll have the opportunity to anonymously submit your pressing question(s) for our super supervisors.</p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professor Michael Aitken</b> (Department of Applied Finance)</li> <li>• <b>Professor Andrew Barron</b> (Department of Biological Sciences)</li> <li>• <b>Associate Professor Alice Chik</b> (School of Education)</li> <li>• <b>Professor Ingrid Piller</b> (Department of Linguistics)</li> </ul> <p><b>Chair:</b> Professor Lesley Hughes MQ Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Integrity &amp; Development)</p>

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1.00pm	<p><b>Thinkwell Workshop - Communicating the Impact of your Research</b></p> <p>A lot of hard work and time goes into conducting research. And then more time and work goes into publishing the results. And yet sadly many papers are never read and many findings are never translated into practice. So how do you communicate effectively about your research and its impact? This is important to fulfil funding obligations, to create further funding and collaboration opportunities, to encourage the application of your findings and for your own career.</p> <p><a href="https://www.ithinkwell.com.au/services-communicating-impact">https://www.ithinkwell.com.au/services-communicating-impact</a></p> <p><b>Who is it for?</b></p> <p>Any researcher or research candidate who wants to better communicate their research.</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Mr Hugh Kearns  <b>Host:</b> Dr Megan Brewer          GRA, Development Advisor</p>	<p><b>Workshop - 3 Employability Skills for Graduate Researchers</b></p> <p>This workshop draws on research on employment amongst research graduates to introduce and workshop skills that will aid you in career planning and job seeking.</p> <p>This is not a lecture but a practical workshop, where you'll spend time reflecting on career opportunities, making your existing skillset and interests explicit, and looking at the current job climate for researchers. You'll discuss challenges in your fields, career paths, job-seeking strategies, and tools available to use.</p> <p>The three skills are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Networking</li> <li>• Problem solving</li> <li>• Communicating your experience</li> </ul> <p><b>Facilitators:</b>          Dr Andrew Dunstall          GRA, Development Advisor          Mr Jason Ford          GRA, Industry Programs Coordinator</p>
2.30pm		<p><b>Candidates Supporting Each Other</b></p> <p>Mr Ashwin Singh          Psychologist/Allied Health Officer, MQ Student Wellbeing</p> <p>This session will cover dealing with isolation, along with practical exercises to relieve stress, improve focus and communication. There will also be opportunities for interaction among the group, to acknowledge and support each other's concerns.</p>
3.30pm	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	
3.45pm	<p><b>Conference Close</b></p> <p>Professor Jen Cornish          GRA, Academic Director, Graduate Research</p>	
4.00pm	<b>Close</b>	