AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF
GRADUATE RESEARCH

National Meeting: Monday 13th November and Tuesday 14th November
All times in AEDT

Day 1: Monday 13th November

Session 1: Post ACOLA, Post COVID and Post Accord: where are we now?	
Chair: Prof. Imelda Whelehan AEDT 11:00am – 12.00 noon (60 mins total)	
Opening Remarks: Reflections and synthesis of where we've been and where we are now.	ACGR President Professor Imelda Whelehan (10 minutes)
Guest Provocateurs: Considering the challenges for the research training sector post COVID and a year of Accord discussions what have we learned and what are the key challenges and opportunities ahead.	Professor Barney Glover, Vice-Chancellor, Western Sydney University & Australian Universities Accord Panel member. Professor Lesley Head, Director, ACOLA & President, Australian Academy of the Humanities Alec Webb, Executive Director, Regional Universities Network
Q & A: • Responses to provocations and reflections.	Moderated by Professor Imelda Whelehan, UWA
Session 2 – Building a pipeline of Indigenous researchers.	
Chair: Professor Susan Kinnear AEDT 12noon - 1pm (60 mins)	
Panel and Q& A: An exploration of the opportunities and challenges of building a pipeline of indigenous researchers, including approaches to ensuring culturally safe and sensitive support for Indigenous candidates, and developing the Indigenous HDR Candidate pipeline.	Professor Sue Dodds, Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Research and Industry Engagement), La Trobe.

	Professor Peter Anderson, Director Indigenous Research Unit, Griffith University
	Professor Adrian Miller, Deputy Vice-President Indigenous Engagement, Central Queensland University
Facilitated whole group Discussion /Q & A:	Moderated by Professor Susan Kinnear

LUNCH BREAK AEST 1.00pm – 1.30pm (30 mins)

Session 3 – HDR coursework models Chair: Professor Wendy Wright AEDT 1.30pm – 2.30 pm (60mins)	
Panel and Q& A: Setting the scene: How and why is HDR coursework delivered? – An overview of a range of HDR coursework models including how they are structured, delivered and monitored.	5 mins each
• Monash Doctoral Program	Professor Nellie Georgiou-Karistianis, PVC Research Training, Monash
• RMIT PhD program	Jessica Hattersley, Manager, Research Training Services, RMIT
• ECU Integrated PhD Programs	Dr Kate Howell, HDR Course Coordinator, Graduate Research, ECU
Facilitated whole group Discussion /Q & A: • What is the balance between 'skills development' and 'knowledge extension'? • What is the purpose of the coursework model (what gaps is it filling) • Is/how is coursework be used to provide pathways into research/micro credentials/exit awards. • How are coursework models funded? • What are the pros and cons of this approach?	Moderated by Professor Wendy Wright

Session 4: HDR diversity and Access & Sponsor Updates Chair: Professor Justin Zobel AEDT 2.30 – 4.00 pm (90 mins)	
ACGR Sponsor Updates: • ResearchMaster - Reporting and Integrations and the value to HDR/GRS offices • Epigeum • ProQuest	James Cutler, ResearchMaster Lucy Cook, Epigeum Gilia Smith, ProQuest
Opening remarks: How is 'access' defined in the graduate research space. *Candidate Experiences:* Candidates share their unique HDR journey reflecting on the opportunities and obstacles faced from accessing graduate research to completing their PhD. *Interactive Activity:* What defines 'access' and what does inclusive HDR policy look like? - breakout groups	Professor Justin Zobel, UniMelb. Ruth Mills, ANU (neurodiverse candidate perspective) Jen Nicholls, Federation University (first in family candidate perspective) Dr Bonaventure Munganga, UTS (International candidate & carer perspective) Moderated debrief and reporting (25 mins) Professor Justin Zobel

Day 2: November 14th

Session 1 Key challenges in Graduate Research Chair: Professor Ann Evans AEDT 11 am- 12.00 pm (60 minutes)	
Opening remarks: *Key challenges in graduate research right now – near to medium term view.* *Special Interest Groups Interactive Activity –selected prior to meeting:* Small group discussion and report back on approaches to:	Professor Ann Evans, ANU

• Scholarships – What are the approaches to HDR stipend and tuition fee support across institutions. Increasing scholarship value and its influence on availability/competitiveness and student support. Considerations for scholarship allocation to domestic and international candidates	Professor Chris Abbiss, ECU
• Examinations– Oral defence - What administrative, technology arrangements and policy settings are required?	Professor Clive Baldock, WSU
• Admissions pipeline – recruiting domestic candidates.	Professor Imelda Whelehan, UWA
• HDR Benchmarking - What does best-practice look like for academic quality in HDR, research course reviews, working with comparator institutions and TEQSA re-accreditation?	Professor Susan Kinnear, CQU
Moderated debrief and reporting (30 mins)	Professor Ann Evans, ANU
LUNCH BREAK AEST 12:00 - 1.00pm (30 mins)	
Session 2: Annual General Meeting Chair: Professor Imelda Whelehan AEDT 1.00 – 1.45 pm	
Annual General Meeting	Professor Imelda Whelehan, UWA and Tracy Sullivan, WSU
Session 3: Institutional Approaches to addressing AI & Developing AI Policies Chair: Professor Chris Abbiss AEDT 1.45 – 2.45 pm	
Panel & Q& A: What are the tensions between advice to researchers and attempts to manage AI with PhD and Masters students? What is the relationships between research integrity policy and graduate research?	Professor Christina Twomey, Chief Research Officer, Australian Research Council (ARC) Dr Lenka Ucnik, Assistant Director, Higher Education Integrity Unit, Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) Professor Jeannie Paterson. Co-Director, Centre for AI and

	Digital Ethics (CAIDE), UniMelb.
Facilitated whole group Discussion /Q & A:	Moderated by Professor Chris Abbiss, ECU
Session 4: Post ACOLA, Post COVID and Post Accord: Do we know where we're going? Chair: Professor Clive Baldock AEDT 2.45 – 3.30 pm	
Panel & Q& A: TBA 2023 Meeting summary and thank you to outgoing President Professor Imelda Whelehan. Handover to incoming President Professor Clive Baldock.	TBA Professor Imelda Whelehan, UWA Professor Clive Baldock, WSU

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