

2026 ACGR Leadership in Graduate Research Program

Online Training Program via Zoom

Date

October 21st and 22nd

12.30pm – 4pm AEDT (each day)

Day 1 – Wednesday October 21st

12.30 pm AEDT	Session 1 – The Context Chair – Professor Louise Sharpe			
	10 mins	Welcome to the 2026 ACGR Graduate Research Leadership Program - Introduction to ACGR	Full group presentation	Prof. Louise Sharpe
	10 mins	Introduction to colleagues	Random breakout room activity	
	25 mins	The role of the Postgraduate coordinator/Associate Dean – managing candidates and influencing/mentoring academic colleagues. Why strong leadership is needed for Graduate Research	Full group presentation	Prof. Louise Sharpe
1.15pm	30 mins	Break		
1.45 pm	Session 2 - Supporting International HDR Candidates Chair - Professor Chris Abbiss			
	20 mins	International HDR programs, and candidates – an overview	Full group presentation	Prof. Chris Abbiss
	30 min	Initiatives, opportunities and challenges in the support of international HDR cohorts	Random breakout room activity	
	5 min	Group discussion	Group feedback/ Q & A	Prof. Chris Abbiss
2.40 pm	20 mins	Break		
3 pm	Session 3– Admissions – Getting it right Chair – Professor Susan Kinnear			
	10 mins	Key considerations in HDR admissions	Full group presentation	Prof. Susan Kinnear

	20 mins	Challenges in HDR admissions	Small groups each workshopping two case studies	
	5 – 10 mins	Case study report back	Group feedback	
	10 mins	Practice sharing: Quality decisions means quality candidates	Group feedback	
	10 mins	Wrap up: FAQs/What would make your admissions process easier?	Group feedback/ Q & A	Prof. Susan Kinnear
4pm	End of day 1.			

Day 2 – Thursday October 22nd

12.30 AEDT	Session 4 – Supervision and candidate progression Chair – Professor Louise Sharpe			
	10 mins	Supervision and candidate progression - A brief summary of common difficulties encountered in supervision	Full group presentation and links to resources	Prof. Louise Sharpe
	30 mins	Case studies on supervision	Random breakout rooms activity with 5 mins full group feedback	
	20 mins	Supporting HDR candidates with difficulties in progression	Full group presentation and Q & A.	Prof. Louise Sharpe
1.30 pm	30 mins	Break		
2.00 pm	Session 5 – Examinations and Academic Integrity Chair – Professor Virginia Slaughter			
	5 mins	Introduction	Full group presentation	Prof. Virginia Slaughter
	30 mins	Case study examination	Random breakout room activity – 10 mins full group feedback and Q & A	
	25 mins	Common examination mishaps and missteps	Full group feedback and Q&A	Prof. Virginia Slaughter
2. 55pm	20 mins	Break		

3. 15pm	Session 6 - Conclusions Chair: Tracy Sullivan			
	20 mins	Deans share their 5 top tips for managing HDR at their institutions and the best and worst of their role. What are the critical skills that had to develop to succeed in their role.	Full group roundtable – 4 mins each and summary	
	20 mins	Ask us anything	Q & A: Questions received in advance	
	5 mins	Summation Program close	Full group presentation	Prof. Louise Sharpe
4pm	End of Day 2			