Macquarie’s business and economics research is of an international calibre. In the most recent Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) evaluation, our economics research received a rating of ‘performance at world standard,’ as did our research in the sub-disciplines of banking, finance and investment; and business management.

Our highly qualified researchers possess a wealth of international experience gained at some of the world’s most prestigious universities, businesses and government organisations. They are some of the most active business researchers in Australia and are therefore able to provide you with the most rigorous theoretical, technical and applied research skills, as well as insights from different disciplinary approaches.

Research strengths include accounting; banking, finance and investment; cultural economics; demography; development economics; employment relations and human resource management; international business; labour economics; macroeconomics; and marketing and management.

Our research expertise is regularly sought by organisations such as the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, Australian Crime Commission, Australian Securities Investment Commission, AXA, Business Council of Australia, CPA Australia, Diversity Council of Australia, Institute of Actuaries of Australia, Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, International Labour Organization, Reserve Bank of Australia, Rockefeller Foundation, Safe Work Australia, Suncorp, United Nations and World Bank, as well as by state, national and international governments. Our researchers also enjoy valuable collaborations with many local and international universities.

As an HDR candidate you will have the opportunity to research alongside scholars who are leading business professionals both nationally and internationally, allowing you to develop valuable links with industry.

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

- Applied econometrics
- Audit and assurance services
- Business ethics and sustainability
- Capital markets
- China Business Research Network
- Corporate reporting
- Cultural diversity in management and marketing
- Development economics
- Economics of art and culture
- Economies in transition
- Employee voice and wellbeing
- Employment relations and human resource management
- Financial risk management and insurance risk
- Human capital and superannuation
- International business
- International financial and management accounting
- International governance and risk
- Macroeconomics and forecasting
- Management systems and controls
- Social marketing, social media and customer relationship management
- Survival analysis, mortality modelling and forecasting
- Sustainability
- Workforce planning and productivity
- WHS governance, performance and assurance

FACILITIES

- Full-time candidates receive a designated desk in modern, open-plan HDR offices and a laptop for exclusive use

RESEARCH CENTRES

- Centre for Financial Risk
- Centre for the Health Economy
- Centre for Workforce Futures
- International Governance and Performance Research Centre
Highlights

• Prominent Macquarie alumni and distinguished executives from leading multinationals and government departments such as the Actuaries Institute, Amgen, AMP, Colonial First State, Lonergan Edwards, NSW Treasury and Qantas sit on our Industry Advisory Board. The board informs areas such as research development and innovation.

• Our researchers are prolific authors, regularly publishing in A* and A ranked journals such as Accounting and Finance; Accounting, Auditing and Accountability; Advances in Accounting; Applied Economics; Asian Journal of International Law; Automatica; British Accounting Review; British Journal of Industrial Relations; Economic Modelling; Economic Record; European Accounting Review; Insurance: Mathematics and Economics; Journal of Banking & Finance; Journal of Business Ethics; Journal of Business Research; Journal of Economic Literature; Journal of Financial Econometrics; Journal of Industrial Relations; Journal of Macroeconomics; Journal of Marketing Management; and Labour History.

Support

We give HDR candidates strong academic and administrative support. This includes:

• annual research conference
• commencement and completion programs
• discipline-specific research training units, including workshops in research communication, presentation skills, academic writing skills, thesis planning and poster preparation
• free research analytics and software skills training
• experienced supervisors and department-based higher degree research coordinators
• financial support of AUS$10,000 for eligible candidates for a range of research-related activities
• regular progress reports and interviews, and/or work-in-progress presentations in which research candidates receive feedback on their work from a panel of academics in their field.

Research leaders

Macquarie is home to many internationally renowned researchers, including:

Professor Raymond Markey is the director of the Centre for Workforce Futures, and has extensive experience in workplace research in Australia, New Zealand and Europe. He is an internationally acclaimed expert on employee participation/voice, employee wellbeing and productivity. He recently redesigned the International Labour Organization triennial survey on industrial relations in MNEs, and is currently surveying work practices to reduce carbon emissions for the Australian government.

Professor Nonna Martinov-Bennie is the director of the International Governance and Performance Research Centre. She is a recognised expert in the area of audit and assurance (financial, non-financial, external and internal) and her research focus is on bridging the gap between academia and the profession. She is the current academic member on the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. She is the joint editor of Managerial Auditing Journal and associate editor (assurance and governance) of Australian Accounting Review. She is also a co-author of Case Studies in Auditing and Assurance, a text widely used in a number of leading Australian universities.

Professor Stefan Trueck is the co-director of the Centre for Financial Risk, which investigates the nature and management of financial risks faced by households and by the economy. He has published in well-ranked international journals and holds an ARC Discovery grant to research price spikes within Australian electricity markets.