Macquarie’s languages and linguistics research is of high international standing. In the most recent Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) evaluation, our linguistics research received a rating of ‘performance above world standard’, as did our language, communication and culture research. Additionally, our research in the sub-disciplines of language studies and literary studies received a rating of ‘performance at world standard’.

Our linguistics research spans a range of topics from intercultural communication to language sciences including child language disorders. We are world leaders in language acquisition research, and sign language teaching and research, and are home to one of the world’s pre-eminent sign language researchers, as well as renowned researchers in applied linguistics, TESOL and professional communication.

In the 2014 QS World University Rankings by Subject, Macquarie’s Department of Linguistics ranked in the top 50. Macquarie is also recognised as having one of the top 100 language departments in the world, excelling internationally in modern and ancient languages.

We undertake world-class research into the role of language and languages in the creation and representation of cultural identities and their impact on linguistic and literary products in social life. This includes cutting-edge work on historical and contemporary transnationalism, migration and globalisation, and how languages are learned, taught, used and translated through a range of means and contexts.

Among our high-profile researchers are an ARC Laureate Fellow, ARC Federation Fellow, a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, Fellows of the Australian Academy of Humanities, and a Fellow of the Association for Computational Linguistics.

As an HDR candidate at Macquarie you will have the opportunity to conduct your research alongside several of the world’s finest scholars and have access to some of the region’s most outstanding facilities.

**AREAS OF SPECIALISATION**

**Languages**
- Intercultural communication and diversity
- Literature and culture studies
- Migration, language and national identity
- Second language acquisition
- Technology-enhanced language learning
- Translation studies

**Linguistics**
- Applied linguistics, TESOL and language in education
- Language sciences
- Philological and historical studies
- Speech and hearing sciences
- Systemic functional linguistics
- Translation and interpreting skills

**RESEARCH HUBS**
- Applied Linguistics and Language in Education Research Centre
- Australasian Children’s Literature Association for Research
- Centre for Language in Social Life
- Centre for Language Sciences
- Centre for Language Technology
- Centre for Macquarie PEN Anthology of Australian Literature
- Centre for Media History
- Centre for Translation and Interpreting Research
- India Research Centre
- Programming Languages Research Group
- Sign Language Linguistics Group
Highlights

• Macquarie is home to the Concentration of Research Excellence in Language Sciences, which brings a combination of theoretical, experimental and computational approaches to the investigation of live issues in the production and comprehension of languages across the human life span

• Macquarie hosts the ARC Centre of Excellence in Cognition and its Disorders and is home to the KIT-Macquarie Brain Research Laboratory, which houses the world’s first child MEG system, and the world’s first MEG system for children and adults with Cochlear implants

• We have industry partnerships with leading organisations including Kanazawa Institute of Technology (KIT), KIT Applied Electronics Laboratory and Yokogawa Electric Corporation

Facilities

• Australian Hearing Hub
• KIT-Macquarie Brain Research laboratory (MEG lab)
• Purpose-built clinical facilities in audiology and speech pathology
• Simultaneous interpreting facilities

Support

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

• commencement and completion programs
• discipline-specific research training units, including workshops in research communication, presentation skills, academic writing skills, thesis planning, and poster preparation
• experienced supervisors and department-based higher degree research directors
• financial support 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.