



Law and legal studies

From research into human rights, social justice and constitutional reform to international trade and regulatory frameworks, Macquarie's law and legal studies researchers are uniquely positioned to help shape the complex issues that define the future of humanity.

We are pioneers of interdisciplinary law study in Australia, and provide you with unparalleled opportunities to explore some of the globe's most pressing and diverse legal issues. We draw together legal experts, environmental studies experts, international law experts, historians, medical researchers, philosophers and political scientists to research contemporary issues.

Our research focuses on bringing the understanding of law into context, developing world perspectives, and bringing social inclusion and justice into the mainstream legal discourses to maximise access to, and the reach of, law. Higher degree research and supervision are conducted in a collegial and supportive environment with opportunities for engagement in teaching, research publications and professional development.

Macquarie's law researchers are leaders in their fields – in the most recent Excellence in Research for Australia evaluation our law and legal studies research received a rating of 'performance above world standard'. They are also actively engaged in publishing their research in books with international publishing houses and leading international journals. They engage in collaborative work that spans the globe, bringing together researchers from other leading academic institutions as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations.

For example, higher degree research candidate Uchechukwu Ngwaba is investigating how an engagement with the language of human rights can form the basis for reform of the healthcare systems of Nigeria. Graduate Jed Goodfellow was awarded the Law Society of New South Wales' Young Lawyer of the Year 2013 for his research into the development of a regulatory framework within the Australian agricultural sector.

Our legal scholars are involved in interdisciplinary collaborations with the Centre for Agency, Values and Ethics; the Centre for Climate Futures; and the Centre for Workforce Futures. Other collaborations have focused on a range of cutting-edge legal issues, including international law, constitutionalism, terrorism and counter-terrorism, special position of developing countries, trade, and the environment.

Our researchers are also recipients of highly competitive research grants and collaborate with, and consult for, a range of government, community and industry bodies such as AusAid, the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee, and the United Nations Development Programme, as well as several highly regarded international universities.

As a higher degree research candidate at Macquarie, you'll benefit from the extensive expertise of our researchers with international reputations for cutting-edge research in wide-ranging areas.

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AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

- Access to justice
- Commercial, consumer and competition law
- Comparative law
- Constitutional law and comparative constitutionalism
- Contract, civil justice, procedures and evidence
- Courts and judges
- Environmental law and governance, sustainable development and climate change
- Intellectual property law
- International criminal law, transitional justice and laws of war
- International law, international trade, and investment and economic law
- International migration and refugee law
- Law and family
- Law and religion
- Law of the sea
- Legal education
- Legal systems of South Asia
- Legal theory and jurisprudence
- Medico-legal challenges of human health
- Open government, privacy and access to information
- Technology and new media
- Theoretical and comparative human rights



RESEARCH HUBS

- The Centre for Environmental Law allows staff and students with a specific interest in this area to work together on a range of publishing and other research projects.

OUR RESEARCH PRIORITIES

We pursue excellence in a broad range of research areas. Our five interdisciplinary strategic research priorities – Healthy People, Resilient Societies, Prosperous Economies, Secure Planet and Innovative Technologies – respond to globally significant challenges and opportunities to improve the lives of millions. Together, these research priorities provide a focal point for research, with discoveries made under these priorities translating into real improvements in the lives of local, national and global communities.

JOINTLY SUPERVISED PHD PROGRAMS

Macquarie actively encourages cotutelles and joint degrees – shared supervision arrangements with universities whose research activity strongly aligns with ours. Under each model, you are enrolled at two universities with a principal supervisor at each and may be eligible for additional scholarship support.

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