Macquarie’s human society research offers exciting opportunities for HDR students with world-class researchers involved in leading social science projects. In the most recent Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) evaluation, our research in the disciplines of anthropology, political science, sociology and studies in human society were rated as performing ‘at world standard’.

Macquarie has a long and distinguished record of contributions in social theory, contemporary sociology, and applied social research and policy. Our research is driven by a critical approach to social theory and to the policy and social problems confronting Australian and global societies. For example, one of our senior sociologists, Dr Jocelyn Pixley, is a world leader in the study of the sociology of emotions, particularly in the fields of economy and finance. Current scholars are making contributions to fields including ethnic and migration studies, Australian and comparative social policy, the sociology of children, precarious work, and the changing social significance of friendship.

Researchers within these core disciplines also enjoy strong interdisciplinary collaboration with researchers in cultural studies, environmental studies, historical studies, philosophy, social policy and urban studies. These partnerships make significant contributions to national disciplinary research, and interdisciplinary areas such as ageing, climate change, governance and development, health care, HIV/AIDS in South-East Asia, Indigenous studies, international relations, multiculturalism, social inclusion, volunteering and women’s studies. Our scholars are regularly successful in attracting research funding from the Australian Research Council.

Our researchers, who include Fellows of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and several Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Fellows, are critical, constructive and socially engaged, making key ideas and analyses accessible to a wide range of end-users including community and public sector groups, governments, industry and students.

As an HDR candidate, you will benefit from the extensive expertise of our internationally respected and active social researchers.

### AREAS OF SPECIALISATION
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research and perspectives in education, identity, racism, astronomy, health, early childhood, art and Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal relations
- Animals and society
- Australian and comparative politics
- Chinese identities
- Class, gender and development in India
- Criminology, cybercrime and policing
- Development and community capacity building
- Energy politics/security
- Environmental and social justice
- Environmental politics
- Europe and the European Union
- Foreign and defence policy, including Australian intelligence organisations
- Gender, sexuality and feminist studies
- Globalisation
- HIV/AIDS, family planning, health and development, ethnic minorities and drug reduction programs in South-East Asia
- Inclusion and exclusion in urban and regional spaces
- International relations
- Medical anthropology and reproductive technologies
- Middle East and African politics
- Migration, multiculturalism, diasporas and nationalism
- Modern political theory
- Nationalism, supranationalism and the state
- Postcolonial studies
- Religion and social inclusion
- Security and terrorism studies
- Secession
- Welfare, care and social policy

### RESEARCH HUBS
- Climate Futures Research Centre
- Concentration of Research Excellence in Social, Cultural and Political Change
- India Research Centre
- Macquarie Public Health Research Network
- Risk Frontiers
- Soft Power Advocacy and Research Centre
Highlights

• Our researchers regularly publish in high-profile local and international journals including *Ageing and Society; Australian Journal of Anthropology; Australian Journal of Indigenous Education; Australian Journal of International Affairs; Australian Journal of Political Science; Australian Journal of Social Issues; British Journal of Sociology; Cooperation and Conflict; Criminology and Criminal Justice; Cultural Anthropology; Current Sociology; European Journal of International Relations; European Journal of Social Theory; Global Environmental Politics; Government and Opposition; International Politics; International Theory; Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies; Journal of Social Policy; Journal of Sociology; Nations and Nationalism; Pacific Review; Political Science Quarterly; Political Studies; Review of International Studies; Sociological Research Online; Theory and Society; Thesis Eleven; and Work, Employment and Society*

• In recent times we have had valuable collaborations with the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute, Australian Human Rights Commission, Australian Red Cross, Australian Research Council, Centre for Policy Development, Community Relations Commission, Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, Department of Immigration and Border Protection, National Indigenous Research and Knowledges Network, NSW Health and local government authorities, as well as with international institutions such as Asian Development Bank, Bristol University, Ibis Reproductive Health and Stockholm Environment Institute.

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 activity
• 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 Marion Maddox** is the leading authority on the intersection of religion and politics in Australia. As the 1999–2000 Australian parliamentary fellow, she interviewed some 50 serving and retired federal members and senators about their views on faith and public life which resulted in *For God and country: Religious dynamics in Australian federal politics*. Her landmark work, *God under Howard: The rise of the religious right in Australian politics*, was published in 2005. She is currently researching religion-state relations. Her latest book is *Taking God to school: The end of Australia’s egalitarian education*.

**Associate Professor Chris Lyttleton** is working at the front line of HIV education in Laos. His research is informing education programs targeted toward one of the country’s ethnic minorities, the Akha. Recent results are demonstrating considerable success; many of the Akha have become more aware of STIs and are seeking treatment and new cases appear to be dropping. Other research interests include cultural identity; male sexuality in Laos; and mobility and social change in border areas of Thailand, Laos and China.

**Associate Professor Aleksandar Pavkovic** is an internationally recognised authority on the theory and practice of secession. He is the author or editor of 11 books and has published numerous journal articles and chapters. He is a member of the research cluster ‘Nationalism, Supranationalism and the State’.

**Dr Jocelyn Pixley** is a leading researcher into the sociology of emotions and finance. She has recently published a revised edition of her recent book, *Emotions in Finance*, several new edited collections on topics in economic sociology, and contributed articles to major journals including the *British Journal of Sociology* and *Theory and Society*.