Creative arts, communication and culture

From research into Australasian cinema and creative writing, video games and culture to techno-culture and cartoon music, social media and state violence, Macquarie’s creative arts, communication and culture researchers are uniquely positioned to help shape the complex issues that define the future of humanity.

Our multi-award-winning researchers are recognised internationally for their work in film, television, radio, digital media, music, literary studies, children’s literature, creative writing, critical theory, media and communication studies, and performance. They enjoy significant partnerships with major galleries, museums, publishers, broadcasters and cultural organisations such as ABC Radio National, ABC TV, Arts NSW, Australasian Performing Right Association, Australasian Association of Writing Programs, International Council for Traditional Music, Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, National Film and Sound Archive, Sydney Writers’ Festival, State Library of New South Wales, National Museum of Australia and Universal Music.

Our film and documentary makers, musicians, novelists, producers and screenwriters hold a vast array of prestigious awards between them. These include AFI; ARIA; ATOMs; the Australasian Association of Writing Programs’ Prize for Critical Writing; the Film Critics Circle of Australia award for Best Feature Documentary; Children’s Book Council of Australia Awards; New South Wales, Queensland and Victorian Premiers’ Literary Awards; The Australian/Vogel Literary Award; Ars Electronica awards; and a Wilderness Society Environment Award for Children’s Writing.

Our researchers also enjoy an international reputation as leaders in their fields. In the most recent Excellence in Research for Australia evaluation, our research in the disciplines of language, communication and culture received a rating of ‘performance above world standard’ as did our research in the sub-discipline of communication and media studies.

As a higher degree research candidate at Macquarie, you will have the opportunity to work and research alongside several of the country’s finest creative arts practitioners. You will also have access to the best university creative arts space in Australia – Macquarie’s multi-million-dollar media hub – which includes professional studios, industry-standard digital workstations, a specially equipped theatre for screenings, and digital production tools. Both traditional thesis-based and creative practice-based higher degree research are offered.

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AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

• Advertising
• Arts management and the music business
• Australian literature
• Children’s literature, television and film
• Creative nonfiction and literary journalism
• Creative writing
• Creativity, authorship and collaboration
• Critical enquiry and cultural history
• Critical legal studies
• Dance and performance studies
• Digital cultures, networking and copyright law
• Documentary history, theory and production
• Early modern and Victorian literature
• Feminist cultural studies
• Fiction writing including Young Adult and historical
• Film, radio, photography and cultural criticism
• Film studies and film production
• Francophone pacific studies
• Future of Journalism: theory and practice
• Global cinema
• History and fiction
• International and intercultural communication
• Manga and contemporary Japanese culture
• Media and journalism history
• Media and music in Asia and Oceania
• Media audiences
• Media history
• Modernism and contemporary literature
• Music and sound cultures
• Poetry writing
• Public broadcasting and diplomacy
• Screen production and screenwriting
• Social media theory and practice

FACILITIES

• State-of-the-art library and production spaces for music, dance, radio, film, digital media – no other Australian university offers such excellent facilities

RESEARCH HUBS

• Australasian Children's Literature Association for Research
• Centre for Macquarie PEN Anthology of Australian Literature
• Centre for Media History
• India Research Network
• Interactive Media Institute
• Soft Power Advocacy and Research Centre

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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