Egypt produced one of the first great civilisations known to history. For two and a half millennia it dominated the Eastern Mediterranean and under its influence developed the major sources of our culture, such as Israel, Greece and Rome. Its brilliant and massive achievements fascinated the ancient mind no less than the modern.

Many Australians have in the past specialised in Egyptology and indeed, made a contribution to this field, but they had to study at overseas universities and work with foreign archaeological expeditions in Egypt. Macquarie University was the first Australian institution to introduce a full training program in Egyptology and to conduct Australian-based expeditions to excavate, record and preserve ancient Egyptian sites. The University is now recognised as one of the leading institutions involved in Egyptian studies and archaeology.

Since 1980 the Macquarie teams, formed of staff and students, have worked annually on a number of important sites including Thebes, Saqqara, Helwan and Giza.

The Rundle Foundation for Egyptian Archaeology was established by the Council of Macquarie University in 1981. The aim of the Foundation is to support research in the archaeology and history of ancient Egypt and to cater for the interest of the Australian public in this part of the ancient world.

As a result of the expansion of Australia’s involvement in Egyptian archaeology, the University established the Australian Centre for Egyptology (A.C.E.) in 1989. The A.C.E. aims at encouraging and co-ordinating Australian field work in Egypt, in co-operation with the Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities. Site reports and research studies are produced for the benefit of scholars throughout the world. Each year the Bulletin of the Australian Centre for Egyptology gives reports of current archaeological work and includes articles on aspects of Egyptian civilisation. The Centre also organises a wide range of educational activities.

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- To publish reports of such field work. To assist deserving Australian students to participate in excavations.
- To develop the Egyptian sections of the Museum of Ancient Cultures at Macquarie University.
- To bring to Australia international Egyptologists for lectures and seminars.

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