Dear Partners,

I hope that all is well in these challenging times, please know that Macquarie University is continuing to collaborate around the world and is always keen to hear from you.

I am delighted to announce the 2021 International Research Training Program Scholarship (iRTP) and International Macquarie University Research Excellence Scholarship (iMQRES) round is now open. We would like to encourage candidates from all our partner institutions to consider applying for these scholarships. At the same time candidates should be aware that these scholarships are highly competitive and are awarded to only the highest-ranked candidates.

The selection processes for candidates commencing in 2021 will predominantly be based on candidate ratings but will also include considerations of the Research Environment. This may include an evaluation of the alignment of the candidate’s project with Macquarie University’s research strategy and research priorities, the quality of the supervisory team and the international standing of the research area. Supervisors are encouraged to engage co-supervisors bringing complementary expertise. Please note that all applicants must provide evidence of communication with the relevant Department/Centre/Faculty prior to application.

**Relevant information on the 2021 international round for Partners and applicants can be found on the**[**MQ website**](https://www.mq.edu.au/research/phd-and-research-degrees/scholarships/scholarship-search/data/iMQRES_international_main_round)**.**

**Please also be sure to refer to**

* [Information for Applicants](https://www.mq.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/694470/2021-iRTP_iMQRES-Round-Information-for-applicants-Final.pdf)
* [HDR Scholarship rating sheet](https://www.mq.edu.au/research/phd-and-research-degrees/scholarships/scholarship-requirements-and-how-to-apply/Scholarship-Rating-Sheet-Effective-September-2018.pdf)
* [2020 iRTP and iMQRes Scholarship Terms and Conditions](http://www.mq.edu.au/research/phd-and-research-degrees/scholarships/scholarship-conditions-of-award),
* [Macquarie University Research Training Program Scholarship Guidelines](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policies/research-training-program-scholarships) , and;
* [the HDR Rules, Policies and Guidelines](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central/filtered-search?queries_category_query_posted=1&queries_category_query%5B%5D=Higher+Degree+Research&queries_audience_query_posted=1&queries_status_query_posted=1&search_page_422395_submit_button=Search&current_result_page=1&results_per_page=200&submitted_search_category=&mode=).

 Any questions regarding the round can be directed to hdrschol@mq.edu.au.

Please forward this information to interested colleagues.

We would also like to take this opportunity to communicate with you about the formation of the new Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences now houses the Departments of Linguistics, Psychology and Cognitive Sciences, and the Faculty of Arts adds the Macquarie School of Education to its Departments. The new structure of the University is available here; <https://www.mq.edu.au/about/about-the-university/faculties-and-departments>

Macquarie University also has refreshed English Language Requirements for its Higher Degree Research programs and they are available here; <https://www.mq.edu.au/research/phd-and-research-degrees/how-to-apply>

Looking forward to working with you, all the best

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**For information regarding the impact of COVID-19 on HDR Candidates, including a list of FAQs, please see our [website](https://www.mq.edu.au/about/coronavirus-faqs/information-for-students/teaching-pause-covid-19%22%20%5Co%20%22https%3A//www.mq.edu.au/about/coronavirus-faqs/information-for-students/teaching-pause-covid-19).**

**Student Wellbeing services are available 24 hours (1800 2273 67) or via email:**wellbeing@mq.edu.au