

2024 National Member Meeting 2

Thursday November 7th & Friday November 8th

Day 1: Thursday November 7th

Session 1: Opportunities for collaboration and advocacy: The role of ACGR

Chair: Professor Louise Sharpe

AEDT 11:00am – 12.00 noon (60 mins)

Opening Remarks

Professor Louise Sharpe, University of Sydney, Interim President ACGR

The role of ACGR:

This session will explore potential collaborations between Universities Australia’s DVCR group and ACGR. Professor Sweeney will give a general briefing and specifically address ways forward in relation to improving the situation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates across the sector and how UA and ACGR could work together.

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Professor Deborah Sweeney, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Research, Enterprise and International), Western Sydney University & Chair, Universities Australia DVC-Rs Group

The remainder of the session will focus on the roles of ACGR, in relation to networking, opportunities for professional development, advocating best practice in the sector and advocating for Higher Degree Research across the sector.

Member discussion of future priorities

Session 2 – Generative AI discussion and updates

Chair: Professor Chris Abbiss

AEDT 12 noon – 1pm (60 mins)

In this session we will discuss updates from the ACGR Generative Artificial Intelligence working group and progress towards ACGR Good Practice Guidelines and explore findings of the recently published report on the current adoption

Professor Chris Abbiss, Edith Cowan University

Professor Paula McDonald, PVC Research, Queensland University of Technology

and impact of Gen AI tools among university staff across Australia.	
LUNCH BREAK AEDT 1.00pm – 1.30pm (30 mins)	
Session 3 – HDRs and Industry Collaborations: Contracts, Agreements Chair: Professor Imelda Whelehan & Professor Justin Zobel AEDT 1.30pm – 2.30 pm (60mins)	
With the growth in internships, industry PhDs, and other placement arrangement for HDRs, universities must manage increasing numbers of and diversity in kinds of contract and agreement. This panel session will explore the risks and mitigations associated with these complex industry–university arrangements.	Speakers: TBA
Session 4: Key challenges in Graduate Research – Special interest Groups Chair: Professor Susan Kinnear AEDT 2.30 pm– 4.00 pm (90 minutes)	
Opening remarks: What’s keeping you up at night? Key challenges in graduate research – a near to medium term view (10 minutes) The 45 minute breakout discussion sessions will be based around small-groups. Please come along equipped with examples and ideas based on your institution’s context. Choose from: SIG1: Dealing with HDR Supervisor Turnover SIG2: Supporting Supervisors to balance HDR students with their other responsibilities SIG3: Long-term implications of international student caps for graduate research in Australia (led by Justin Zobel) Moderated debrief and reporting (30 mins) SIGs topics for future meetings (5mins)	Professor Susan Kinnear, Central Queensland University Professor Wendy Wright, Federation University Professor Louise Sharpe, University of Sydney Professor Justin Zobel, University of Melbourne Professor Susan Kinner, Central Queensland University

Day 2: Friday November 8th

Session 1: Preventing bullying and sexual harassment in HDR

Chair: Professor Louise Sharpe

AEDT 11.00 – 12.00pm

The ACCORD called for a shared, national commitment to the welfare, safety and wellbeing for all students. Evidence suggests that HDR students are particularly at risk for bullying and sexual harassment. This session will describe the development of a supervisor training program targeting the prevention of bullying and harassment, based around the clinical vignettes developed by ACGR. More than 200 supervisors have completed the program, which has been very successful. Discussion of ways to scale the training will be included.

We will then use some case studies to discuss how to manage situations related to bullying when they arise.

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Session 2: Annual General Meeting

Chair: Professor Louise Sharpe

AEDT 12.00 – 12.45 pm

Annual General Meeting

Professor Louise Sharpe, University of Sydney and Tracy Sullivan, ACGR

LUNCH BREAK AEDT 12:45 - 1.15pm (30 mins)

Session 3: HDR candidate perspectives & sponsor updates

Chair: Professor Wendy Wright

AEDT 1.15 pm – 2.45 pm (90 mins)

<p>HDR candidates who have attended the ACGR meeting will be invited to give their perspectives on issues discussed.</p> <p>ACGR Sponsor Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ResearchMaster • Epigeum • ProQuest 	<p>HDR candidate panel:</p> <p>Gemma Smart, HDR candidate, University of Sydney</p> <p>Lauren Jakob, HDR candidate, Federation University</p> <p>Jesse Gardner-Russell, HDR candidate, University of Melbourne</p> <p>Patricia Amorim Da Silva, HDR candidate, Edith Cowan University</p> <p>Lucy Cook, Academic Partnerships Manager, Epigeum</p> <p>Dr Gilia Smith, Director of Academic Partnerships, ProQuest</p>
<p>Session 4: 2025 Planning, Summary and Final thoughts</p> <p>Chair: Professor Louise Sharpe</p> <p>AEDT: 3.00-4.00 pm (60 mins)</p>	
<p>Looking to 2025 the ACGR Executive Committee look to discuss members key issues of concern to inform ACGRs 2025 program of activities.</p> <p>Breakout groups and whole group discussion</p>	<p>ACGR Executive Committee</p>

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