

# Graduate Research School

### Our vision

A dynamic and engaged La Trobe community of researchers producing world-class research with impact in society.

### Our mission

The La Trobe Graduate Research School contributes to an inspiring research and professional development environment by providing graduate research candidates, their supervisors and all researchers with:

- modern, professional life-cycle candidature management and administration
- exciting industry, community and international engagement opportunities
- world-class research education and development initiatives
- contemporary and academically rigorous research training governance and advice.

### Our culture

We are professional, well-informed, supportive and collaborative.

### Our objectives

## CULTURE OF RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

#### Empowered and active research community

We contribute to building a community of researchers who are astute, ethical and engaged with their communities. Graduate research candidates are able to navigate the research and professional landscape and communicate the value of their research, addressing the big issues of our time.

#### Professional development opportunities

We offer a comprehensive suite of research and professional development programs, and industry and community engagement opportunities for our researchers. This will greatly enrich their research experience and support their career paths, so that they can become leaders who positively influence the global community.

#### OUTSTANDING RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

#### Friendly and professional customer service

We aim to ensure a high-level service for all researchers, and offer a central point of support to graduate research candidates and supervisors, wherever they are based.

#### Life-cycle candidature management

We maintain streamlined administrative processes and systems that ensure strong candidate support, quality supervision and consistent progress management throughout candidature. We continue to seek opportunities for review and improvement of processes and systems.

#### Sector-leading governance system

We cultivate a clear and strong policy framework that is academically rigorous and reflects current trends in research training to ensure we support exemplary disciplinary scholars and supervisors.

## EXCELLENT CANDIDATE OUTCOMES

#### Career-ready graduates and future leaders

Our graduates are innovative and creative thinkers able to develop solutions to real-life challenges. They are skilled researchers who have acquired industry experience, and leadership, social and professional skills that result in rewarding careers.

#### Timely completions

We work closely with candidates, supervisors and graduate research coordinators to ensure the timely completion of quality research degrees.

#### Research outputs

We encourage our graduate researchers to publish actively during candidature. Candidates will play an important role in the academic community through research publication, and in public life on completion.

## EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

#### Industry-relevant research training

We offer an Industry PhD program, industry mentorships and industry internships to our graduate researchers. We develop partnerships with private sector, government and not-for-profit organisations to ensure that our research training is relevant for industry and community, responds to industry needs, and enhances innovation.

#### International partnerships

La Trobe maintains a strong global partner network and, through the Graduate Research School, develops and implements exchanges, joint supervision arrangements and collaborative programs with reputable overseas organisations as part of our suite of international opportunities for graduate researchers.