Following the 2010 Excellence in Research for Australia National Report (ERA), Federal Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Kim Carr, emphasised Australia’s strong performance in the social sciences and humanities as critical to the future of our universities and international competitiveness.

In Australia, the majority of students enrol in the social sciences, humanities and the arts, and it is from these disciplines that our current and future leaders across government, business, industry and the community will continue to be recruited.

The Griffith Social and Behavioural Research College

The Griffith Social and Behavioural Research College (GSBRC) is a collective that supports and profiles at local, national and international levels, over 500 humanities, social and behavioural science-based researchers and a similar number of postgraduate students in its twelve constituent Griffith University Research Centres and Institutes. These are:

- Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security (CEPS);
- Centre for Governance and Public Policy (CGPP);
- Centre for Tourism, Sport and Service Innovation (TSSI);
- Centre for Work, Organisation and Wellbeing (WOW);
- Griffith Asia Institute (GAI);
- Griffith Centre for Cultural Research (GCCR);
- Griffith Health Institute (GHI);
- Griffith Institute for Educational Research (GIER);
- Institute for Ethics, Governance and Law (IEGL);
- Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance (KCELJAG);
- Socio-Legal Research Centre (SLRC) and;
- Urban Research Program (URP).

What do we do

With a strategic and operational model based on facilitation and collaboration across the University’s Academic Groups, the College is a key point of contact for external partners seeking to collaborate with Griffith social and behavioural scientists and humanities researchers. Through the coordination of supportive programs for engagement driven by the interests of its membership-base, the College aims to continue forging key external partnerships with the State and Federal Governments, and not for profit sectors to contribute to evidence based policy, practice and decision making.

Our objectives are:

- To build the research capacity of Griffith research units in the humanities and the social and behavioural sciences through research and development services and a common research methodology training curriculum;
- To develop a strong and productive research culture, particularly around common strengths and themes;
- To provide a more visible profile for Griffith’s strengths in the humanities and the social and behavioural sciences to improve reputation, partnerships, funding and the attraction of a new generation of researchers through staff and HDR recruitment.

Our Constituent Research Centres

ARC Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security (CEPS) was established by the ARC in 2007 to boost policing and security research capacity in Australia amid the growing complexity and internationalisation of transnational crime in the post 9/11 environment. The Centre is a complex research enterprise consisting of multiple collaborating researchers and university and partner organisations.
Centre for Governance and Public Policy (CGPP) is devoted to enhancing knowledge of governance, within Australia and globally. The Centre is a key part of the political science and public policy community at Griffith. Through its work, the Centre aims to advance scholarship and improve policy outcomes.

Centre for Tourism, Sport and Service Innovation (TSSI) acts as a focal point for innovative, quality research in tourism, sport, and service innovation. It aims to become a leading research centre internationally with a focus on tourism, sport and service innovation management. Our research portfolio consists of three research programs: Tourism Management, Sport Management, and Service Innovation Management.

Centre for Work, Organisation and Wellbeing (WOW) is an interdisciplinary research group including sociologists, psychologists, industrial relations and other scholars interested in the field of work. It aims to facilitate world-class research relevant to the future of work, to understand the changing world of work in an era of significant social, economic and technological change through informed research and to bridge the gap between research, practice and policy. The major research problem addressed is how the imperatives for efficiency, quality and high performance can be configured so that good pay, dignity, wellbeing and social justice are also achieved.

Griffith Asia Institute (GAI) produces innovative, interdisciplinary research on key developments in the politics, economics, societies and cultures of Asia and South Pacific. By promoting knowledge of Australia’s changing region and its importance to Australia’s future, the Institute seeks to inform and foster academic scholarship, public awareness and considered and responsive policy making and media commentary. Griffith’s pioneering history in the provision of Asian Studies means that today, the Institute draws on the expertise of some 50 Asia-Pacific focused academics.

Griffith Centre for Cultural Research (GCCR) is an interdisciplinary centre with members across the humanities, creative arts and life sciences. Its central brief is to encourage greater collaboration between these areas, while also articulating contemporary debates in public culture. The Centre’s research is broadly arranged around four strategic programs and international collaboration is increasingly significant: Culture, identity and lifestyle; Engaging audiences; Material and textual narratives and; Transnational histories.

Griffith Health Institute (GHI) is a large multidisciplinary research institute comprising six research programs, each with a focus on chronic disease prevention - specifically cancer, cardiovascular disease, infectious disease and mental health and an approach that encompasses behavioural, molecular, clinical and population components of research.

Griffith Institute for Educational Research (GIER) leads research into major issues related to learning, focusing on issues impacting on learning in a rapidly changing world and on how individuals and communities can be assisted to learn and to engage effectively with social change. A distinctive feature of the Institute is its emphasis on developing an intellectually and theoretically coherent approach to learning and social change.

Institute for Ethics, Governance and Law (IEGL) vision is to be a globally networked resource for the development of values-based governance through research and capacity building, aiming to engage other academic, non-government organisations, government, business and multilateral institutions and networks to improve governance and build institutional integrity in governments, corporations, non-government organisations and international institutions.

Key Centre for Ethics, Governance and Law (KCELJAG) is home to scholars who engage in research on values-based reforms in institutional, organisational and community governance that reduce social injustice and improve individual, environmental and societal safety and wellbeing. Research programs focus on institutional and organisational governance, ethical standard setting, human development, crime and corruption prevention, and the operations of institutions of justice.

Socio-Legal Research Centre (SLRC) investigates the origins, operations and effects of legal regimes, policies and practices. Socio-legal research and scholarship has its theoretical and methodological base in the social sciences and seeks to understand law as a social phenomenon.
Urban Research Program (URP) has a strategic foci that includes research and advocacy in an urban and regional context. Researchers seek to improve understanding of and to develop innovative responses to Australia’s urban challenges and opportunities by conducting and disseminating research, advocating new policy directions, and by providing training assistance. Researchers aim to address two fundamental questions: What is the nature of Australian urbanisation in its contemporary and historical context? How can research inform - that is, strengthen and improve - policy and regulatory frameworks that seek to manage change, and to engender sustainable urban development?

Upcoming events (GSBRC members and affiliated HDRs have priority registration in the first instance)

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<td>20th March</td>
<td>‘Introduction to Research Methodologies’ – a welcome for ECRs and HDRs</td>
<td>Professor David Shum, Professor Jason Sharman, Dr Helen Klieve, Dr Maree Boyle; ECR presentations</td>
<td>9:30 am – 4:30 pm M06, Mt Gravatt, room 3.05</td>
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<td>12th and 13th April</td>
<td>‘Introduction to Interviewing Techniques’</td>
<td>Dr Kate Smith, CCJ</td>
<td>10 am – 3 pm daily G01, Gold Coast, room 2.12</td>
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<td>23rd and 30th April, 8th and 14th May</td>
<td>‘Geographical Information Systems for beginners’</td>
<td>Mr Ori Gudes, GHI; Mr Fatih Dur, QUT</td>
<td>9 am – 12:30 pm each session N55, Nathan, room 1.35</td>
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<td>4th June</td>
<td>‘Getting the most out of your survey: discussions on planning, designing and analysing surveys’</td>
<td>Dr Helen Klieve, GSBRC and GIER</td>
<td>9:30 am – 12:30 pm G01, Gold Coast, room 3.25</td>
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<td>20th June</td>
<td>Seminar: ‘The A-Z of Qualitative Research’ Workshop: “‘Thick, rich and powerful’: Making the Most of your Qualitative Data’</td>
<td>Dr Maree Boyle, GSBRC and WOW</td>
<td>9:30 am – 1 pm (seminar) 2 – 3:30 pm (workshop) G34, Gold Coast, room 1.05/1.06</td>
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<td>27th August - MG</td>
<td>Griffith University’s Internal Grant Schemes</td>
<td>Ms Ronda Jones, Office for Research</td>
<td>M10, Mt Gravatt, room 5.01 11:00 am – 1 pm (both days) G34, Gold Coast, room 1.05</td>
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A range of resources are also available for the Griffith University community from past events: http://www.griffith.edu.au/social-behavioural-research/resources.