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expert supervisors

91
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About our School



**Rated 5—well above world standard
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One of only four institutions in Australia

The School of Government and International Relations is a leading institution of research and teaching excellence within Griffith Business School. Offering internationally recognised research in the fields of comparative politics, international relations and public policy, the School has a strong reputation for nurturing new and emerging scholars.

With numerous competitive research grants from the Australian Research Council and other internationally recognised awards, our staff are actively influencing Australia's political landscape. We are committed to understanding and explaining the dynamics of the world in which we live and producing policy relevant research outcomes.

You will be taught by established scholars of high standing who routinely inform public debate, provide expert advice to government and contribute to scholarly deliberation on issues of national and international significance.

*In the most recent round (2018) of Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA)

Our PhD program

As a PhD candidate, you will be nurtured throughout your research journey with access to the following opportunities:

Scholarships, grants and funding

Conference grant	Apply for funding to attend national and international conferences
Extension scholarship	Apply for further funding once your dissertation has been submitted for examination
Field research grant	Apply for funding to undertake university approved field research in Australia and beyond
Transcription support	Apply for funding to turn those interview transcripts into key data points

Professional development, experience and training

Collegial publication scheme	Work side by side with fellow PhD candidates and staff as you write an academic paper
Coursework methods training	Enrol in courses designed to equip you with crucial methodological skills
Competitions	Refine your presentation skills via the Three Minute Thesis and HDR Poster Competitions
Guest lecturing	Gain experience as a teacher by conducting guest lectures in undergraduate courses
Internship	Undertake a domestic or international internship lasting up to six months
Professional development	Take advantage of 26 different modules designed to improve your academic credentials
Specialised methods training	Participate in intensive courses run by the leading methodologists in political science
Teaching for Learning program	Enhance your career as a teacher through internationally recognised accreditation
Seminars and special events	Hear from some of the world's leading political scientists as they present their research

Support to succeed

Induction	Adjust to life and study at Griffith with our extended induction program
Milestone seminar	Receive collective and dedicated feedback on your research project at the six-month mark
Wellbeing and support	Access a dedicated team ready to assist with health and counselling services
Writing retreats	Join your PhD cohort to focus and find inspiration

Career outcomes

With a PhD in government and international relations from Griffith, you will be ready to pursue an academic or professional career.

Our graduates have gone on to become academics, civil servants, entrepreneurs, lawyers, political consultants, policy advisors and research officers, amongst many other occupations.

Our research partners

Griffith hosts more than 30 research centres and institutes across our campuses.

A comprehensive university, we bring together leading researchers across broad disciplines to tackle some of the big questions of our time.

As a School, we collaborate with a number of centres in particular, including:

- Centre for Governance and Public Policy
- Gender Equality Research Network
- Griffith Asia Institute
- Policy Innovation Hub
- The Australia and New Zealand School of Government

'I joined the School only a few months ago, but I already feel part of this great research community. Since the first day, my PhD colleagues have been very welcoming, and our environment is friendly and supportive. The faculty makes extensive efforts to build strong relationships with the PhD candidates and to take care of our personal and professional development. Through the research seminars I was able to meet some of the international academic figures whom I admire the most. The first semester of my PhD journey has been excellent so far, and I look forward to what is ahead!'

—Sofia Ammassari
PhD candidate

'I was indebted to the School during my PhD years for giving me the space to develop as a critical thinker and author. I could interact and exchange ideas with the leading politics and international relations experts based in the School and learned a lot from visiting scholars presenting in the seminar series. I grew confidence as a public speaker by participating in academic conferences with the support from the school. I am indebted to the high-quality supervision received during my PhD years where my supervisors not only provided advice about my project, but also rendered support to me as an individual.'

—Dr Mubashar Hasan
Research Fellow, University of Oslo

Scholarships

There are a range of scholarships available at Griffith that could help you achieve your goal.

PhD and research degree scholarships can cover tuition fees, overseas student health cover, living allowances paid as stipends, and relocation allowances, as well as additional schemes for completion and publication assistance.

Find out more at griffith.edu.au/research-study/scholarships

Featured scholarship—Indigenous Politics PhD Top-up

Open to: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander PhD candidates pursuing any political science topic
Value: \$48,092 per annum (in 2020)
Hosted by: School of Government and International Relations

How to apply

You can apply for admission into a research degree directly via our website.

Step 1—Choose your research degree

Choose your research degree, considering eligibility, fees and scholarships. The most common research program is a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), but there are several other research degrees you can choose from, depending on your interests and eligibility.

Step 2—Choose a topic

Your research question will provide the key focus for the duration of your degree so it is important that you consult a wide variety of resources and select a topic you feel highly motivated to investigate. Visit griffith.edu.au/school-government for information to help you develop your research proposal.

Step 3—Find and connect with a supervisor

Visit experts.griffith.edu.au to find a potential supervisor in your chosen discipline or field of research. You can browse by research area, researcher or publications. Once you've found a researcher with whom you would like to work, you will need to contact them directly to discuss your research proposal.

Step 4—Submit your application online

Visit griffith.edu.au/research-study/apply to apply online. You'll find more information about the application process and detailed steps to follow.

Our location

Home to more than two million people, Brisbane is Australia's third largest city.

With a superb subtropical climate and a mixture of natural wonders and vibrant city life, our region provides an ideal setting in which to study and develop your career.

A short drive south of Brisbane are the famous beaches of the Gold Coast and the exciting attractions of Surfer's Paradise, which draws scores of Australian and international tourists. Within easy driving distance to the north of Brisbane is the Sunshine Coast, with unspoiled beaches and subtropical islands just off the shoreline.

Find out more at griffith.edu.au/life-at-griffith

Get in touch

If you have any questions about undertaking a PhD with the School of Government and International Relations, we'd love to hear from you at hdr-convenor-gir@griffith.edu.au

For enquiries relating to research admission, candidature or scholarships contact the Griffith Graduate Research School at hdr-enquiry@griffith.edu.au

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