



8.30 Registration and networking

9.00 Welcome

Professor Harlene Hayne | Vice Chancellor, Curtin University

**9.30 Inside the Examiner's mind:
Expectations and insights**

Thesis Examiners | Curtin University

Delve into the minds of thesis examiners as they discuss the process of examination and revision, what they look for when examining theses, and common pitfalls. From the art of storytelling to the structural nuances, learn key tips on how to narrate the journey of your research and get your thesis across the line.

10.30 Catered morning tea and faculty networking

**11.00 Stories from the Valley of Despair:
How to find the way out***

Recent HDR graduates | Curtin University

Engage in a panel discussion with recently completed PhD students as they talk motivation, keeping on track, and staying well during your research.

12.30 Catered networking lunch

**1.30 What do productive, healthy research students
really do all day?**

Professor Nick Hopwood | University of Technology Sydney

Do you feel there is too much to do and not enough time? Are you not getting where you need to be? Explore international research highlighting what we can learn from PhD students who are making good progress, with their wellbeing, friendships and family time intact.

2.30 Catered afternoon tea and discipline networking

**3.00 Your supervisory team: Creating a productive
partnership***

Professor Gretchen Benedix | Associate Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research

Professor Richard Norman | Dean, Graduate Studies

Discover guidelines for effective supervision and gain strategies to address any challenges that may arise. We will equip you with the tools you need to thrive in your supervisory team and you will have the opportunity to ask questions and share experiences.

4.00 Reflective session and close

Dr Petra Dumbell | Manager, Research Services, Curtin Library

 **The Lantern
(105.701)
Curtin Perth**

 **Online via
WebEx**



- 8.30 Registration and networking**
- 9.00 Welcome and opening address**
Professor Gretchen Benedix | Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research
- 9.30 Planning your PhD***
Dr Hugh Kearns | Flinders University, iThinkWell
Learn how to make your own PhD Planning Toolkit to create your big picture plan. Create tasks lists for each stage of your thesis, plan your writing, identify risks, deal with setbacks and keep on track as you implement your plan.
- 10.30 Catered morning tea and faculty networking**
- 11.00 Ask the Professor anything**
Professors from Curtin University
Professors from Curtin University share their research journey and invite questions from the audience.
- 12.30 Catered networking lunch**
- 1.30 Navigating conferences: From planning to networking**
Associate Professor Jo McVeigh | Curtin University
Transform your conference participation from passive attendance to proactive engagement. Learn strategies to maximise your learning and networking opportunities, and walk away with practical tips to make your next conference a rewarding and productive experience.
- 2.30 Catered afternoon tea and discipline networking**
- 3.00 HDR support circle: Sharing struggles, sharing solutions***
Dr Petra Dumbell | Manager, Research Services, Curtin Library
Step into the circle and share your challenges in navigating academic life and wellbeing. Together, we will share insights, tips, and strategies to overcome obstacles and navigate the PhD journey with resilience and support. Discover that you're not alone in your struggles, and leave with practical tips and encouragement from peers who understand.
- 4.00 Close**
Kylie Percival | University Librarian, Curtin Library

DAY THREE

THURSDAY 27



9.30

Registration and networking

10.00

Formatting your Thesis in Microsoft Word

Tracy Piper | Learning Success Advisor, Curtin University Library

Master some of the advanced Microsoft Word skills to speed up your thesis formatting. You will learn how to:

- Format headings and use styles to create a table of contents
- Insert and format graphics and tables
- Use captions to create a list of tables and a list of figures
- Use cross references, bookmarks and hyperlinks
- Format different sections in your document

Bring your own device and thesis to learn some useful hacks to save you time and tears. You'll also have the opportunity to ask questions of your resident 'Word nerd' instructor, Tracy.

12.00

Close

Note: sessions marked with * will not be recorded.

BREAKOUT SPACES

During the breaks, explore the range of activities on offer.



Networking tables

The PhD journey can be lonely, so make the most of our networking tables to meet others in the same faculty or discipline and find your new bestie! A struggle shared is a struggle halved.

Support services

Representatives from the Library and the Graduate Research School will be present to talk about the services on offer to you as a Curtin student. Find out what support is around to help you on your journey. You're not alone, and we're here to remind you of that!

Magic Mario

Be spellbound by roving magician Mario the Magnificent as he amazes with mind-bending magic tricks.

Snap and Share

Capture your experience and new friends at our special photo station. Don't forget to share your photos and tag us!

Q&A Wall

Write your question and/or leave an answer! Help out your peers with tips and tricks, and leave or pick up contact details for future support!

George the dog

VIP (Very Important Pup) George will be around and ready for cuddling in his own comfy corner! Pull up a pillow and pat your stress away.

Makerspace

Explore your creative side and find some zen with our range of crafty activities, brought to you by the Library Makerspace!

Build wonders with LEGO, make friendship bracelets or personalised badges, or write a love letter to your PhD to remember why you began this journey in the first place.

Please bring your own water bottle or keep-cups to the event each day to help us stay sustainable and protect the environment.



Share your thoughts!

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