

1. Select Visitor from available wireless networks. Launch a web browser and access any website (On some devices this is done automatically). Your web browser will redirect to the Visitor login screen.

2. Enter the below username and password:

Username: graduatecoursework

Password: mn7!Z4

3. Click Connect/Ok.



We will be taking photos throughout the day today to post on Social Media. If you do not wish to be photographed, please let a member of staff know.



Welcome to the Science Graduate Coursework Orientation!

Please check in to record your attendance.



CHECK IN HERE

Acknowledgement of Country



I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the uncaded land on which we meet: the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people in the Kulin nation.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are this country's first scientists, with deep and enduring knowledge of the land, waters and skies. I pay my respects to Elders, past and present, and I welcome all First Nations people here today.

In making this acknowledgement we commit to respectful and responsible conduct towards all others according to the Traditional lores of this land.

Your graduate science journey begins today

Professor Colette Boskovic
Associate Dean, Graduate Programs

Congratulations!



THE UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE



The Faculty of Science



World leaders in physical, earth and life sciences



60+ research groups, 150 Industry partnerships, 15 research centres



15,000+ current students



2nd largest faculty, with 7 schools

6 Campuses, 4 purpose built for Science



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Science at Melbourne – Changing the world

ARTICLE

Australian scientists are helping to grow plants in space for NASA missions to the Moon and Mars →

University of Melbourne researchers have joined NASA and scientists from 11 countries investigating plants' critical role in long-term space exploration



ARTICLE

What it's like to do your PhD with a future Nobel Prize winner →

'Inventive', 'rewarding', 'uncharted'. Professor Richard Robson's former PhD students knew they were part of something special, well before he was awarded the 2025 **Nobel Prize** in Chemistry



ARTICLE

From backyard garden to global agriculture →

Agricultural scientist Dr Xia (Emma) Liang has travelled to Laos to work with local farmers and researchers on reducing nitrogen pollution from crops



ARTICLE

'The real 'magic' of biology happens at invisible, chemical scales' →

Anastasios (Tash) Polyzos grew up in regional restaurants and rock bands, but it was his fascination with chemical reactions that birthed an entrepreneur



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pursuit.unimelb.edu.au

Faculty of Science People



Prof Moira O'Bryan
Dean of Science

reproductive biologist



Prof Todd Lane
*Deputy Dean of
Science*

atmospheric scientist



Prof Colette Boskovic
*Associate Dean
(Graduate Programs)*

inorganic chemist



Prof James Osborne
*Assistant Dean
(Graduate Education)*

applied mathematician

Faculty of Science Schools

- School of Agriculture, Food & Ecosystem Sciences
- School of Biosciences
- School of Chemistry
- School of Geography, Earth & Atmospheric Sciences
- School of Mathematics & Statistics
- School of Physics
- Melbourne Veterinary School



Faculty of Science Campuses



Burnley



Dookie



Creswick



Werribee

Graduate Courses in Science



- Master of Science
 - Biosciences
 - Chemistry
 - Earth Sciences
 - Physics
 - Mathematics & Statistics
 - Bioinformatics
- Master of Environment
- Master of Biotechnology
- Master of Food Science
- Master of Agricultural Sciences
- Master of Environmental Science
- Master of Urban Horticulture
- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
- Master of Geography
- Master of Climate Science
- & much more...

Orient Yourself

Your focus now

Enrol in
subjects

Register for
classes

Faculty and
Program
Orientations

Semester 1 focus

Adapt,
integrate

Explore,
participate



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Student Conduct

Students must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the standards of behaviour that promote the good order and management of the University.

We are all responsible for personal behaviour of the highest standard and have the right to expect the same from others:

- **Student conduct policy**
- **Appropriate Workplace Behaviour**
- **Respect at the University**



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Academic Integrity

The University of Melbourne promotes the highest ethical standards in research, learning and teaching.

All students are expected to be aware of, and adhere to, the University of Melbourne policy with respect to academic misconduct.

Learn more:



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Academic Guidance and Support

The **academic staff** responsible for your course and your subjects, have experience in teaching and research.

Actively engage with them

For MSc Students, your **supervisors** will be mentors and teachers.

Be proactive and engage with them



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Graduate Course Coordinators



Key Dates

27 July: Start of Sem 2 (12 teaching weeks)

10 – 14 August: Employability week

28 Sep – 4 Oct: Non-teaching week

26 Oct – 30 Oct: SWOT Vac week

2 Nov – 20 Nov: Examinations

4 Dec: Semester 2 results released



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Extensions and Special Consideration

If your ability to undertake an assessment is affected by illness, bereavement or trauma, you may be eligible for support via Special consideration.

Special consideration is assessed on a case-by-case basis for circumstances that:

- Have an expected duration of **less than six weeks**, and
- Adversely impact your ability to undertake, prepare for, and/or complete an assessment task



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Success



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University



Student



Student Support Services



Student Services Directory assists in Health and Welfare, Careers and Employability, Learning and Development, Student Admin and IT, Extra Support (housing, scholarships, disability support etc.)

Counselling and Psychological Services provides free, confidential, short-term professional counselling to currently enrolled students and staff, as well as a range of workshops, mental health training, and helpful resources.

Safer Community program is the central point of inquiry and reporting of inappropriate, concerning and threatening behaviour, and offers a respectful and confidential place to seek support and advice.



Student Support Services



Health Service: Experienced medical doctors and nurses with a depth of knowledge relevant to student medical issues.

Respect at the University: We have zero tolerance for sexual assault and sexual harassment. The University has clear codes of conduct and will not tolerate behaviour that does not meet our standards.

Emergency and Crisis support: Call Campus Security and/ or Triple 0 and/ or go to nearest hospital





Student Q&A Panel



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Meet Your Graduate Student Panel



Georgia Juler
Master of Science (Physics)
2nd Year



Nabila Afifah
Master of Environment
2nd Year



Jordan Russo
*Master of Science (Mathematics
and Statistics)*
1st Year



Yashika Hablani
Master of Biotechnology
Graduate

Academic Skills

Dr Ha Nguyen
Academic Skills Learning Strategist



Transitioning to Graduate Learning

Dr. Ha Nguyen, Academic Skills Learning Strategist



Transitioning to Graduate Learning



- **Communicating in class**
- **Developing academic writing skills**
- **Academic Skills resources**



Class participation

1. Before the class

- prepare

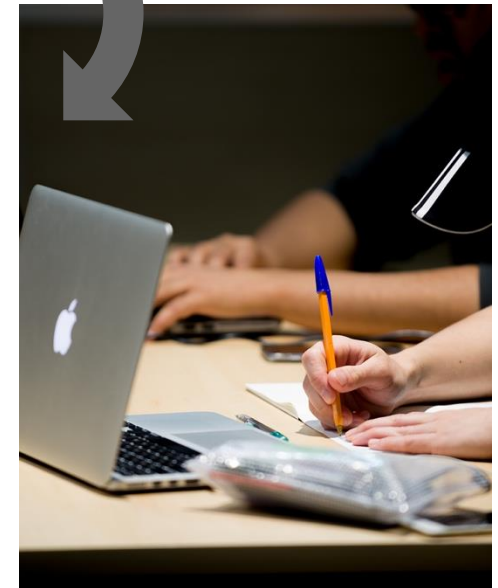
2. During the class

- observe actively
- listen actively
- participate

3. After the class

- review

What's a challenge in speaking up in class?



Communication skills for study and assessment

Communication skills for study and assessment

[Oral assessments](#)

[Communicating with peers and teachers](#)



Communicating with peers and teachers

[Getting the most out of lectures](#)

How to get the most out of your lectures.

[Intercultural communication](#)

Intercultural communication skills for study and work.

[Collaborating online](#)

Tips and advice to connect with classmates.

[Participating in class](#)

Develop strategies to participate in tutorials more effectively.

[Working in groups](#)

How to work and contribute effectively in groups.

[Emailing your lecturer](#)

Communicating effectively with your lecturers and tutors over email.

[Participating in peer review](#)

Tips on how to give and receive peer feedback for your university assignments and group work.

Helpful vs. unhelpful feedback



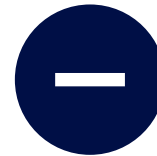
Helpful feedback is:

- ✓ Constructive
- ✓ Specific
- ✓ Balanced
- ✓ Respectful



Unhelpful feedback is:

- Too positive or too negative, unsubstantiated
- Unspecific or unfocused
- Framed around personal flaws rather than the work.



Receiving feedback



01

ACKNOWLEDGE
YOUR
EMOTIONAL
REACTION

02

TAKE CRITICAL
DISTANCE FROM
YOUR OWN
WORK

03

TREAT
FEEDBACK AS A
LEARNING
OPPORTUNITY

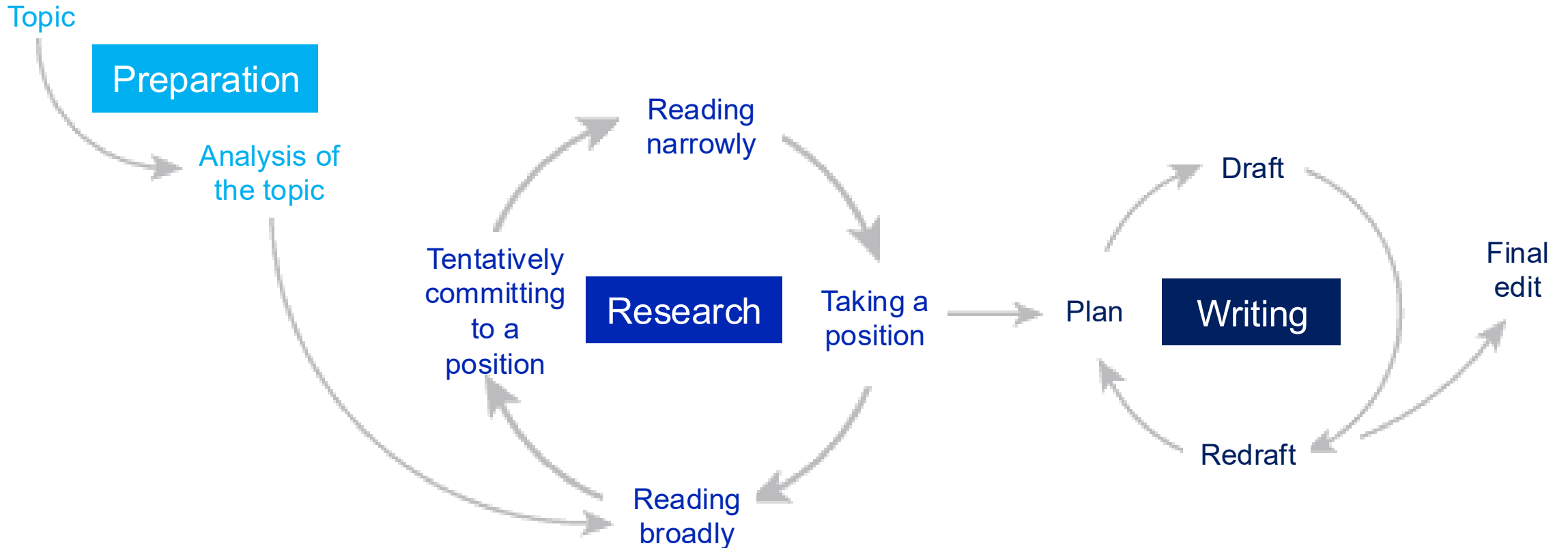
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ADDRESS
FEEDBACK
OBJECTIVELY

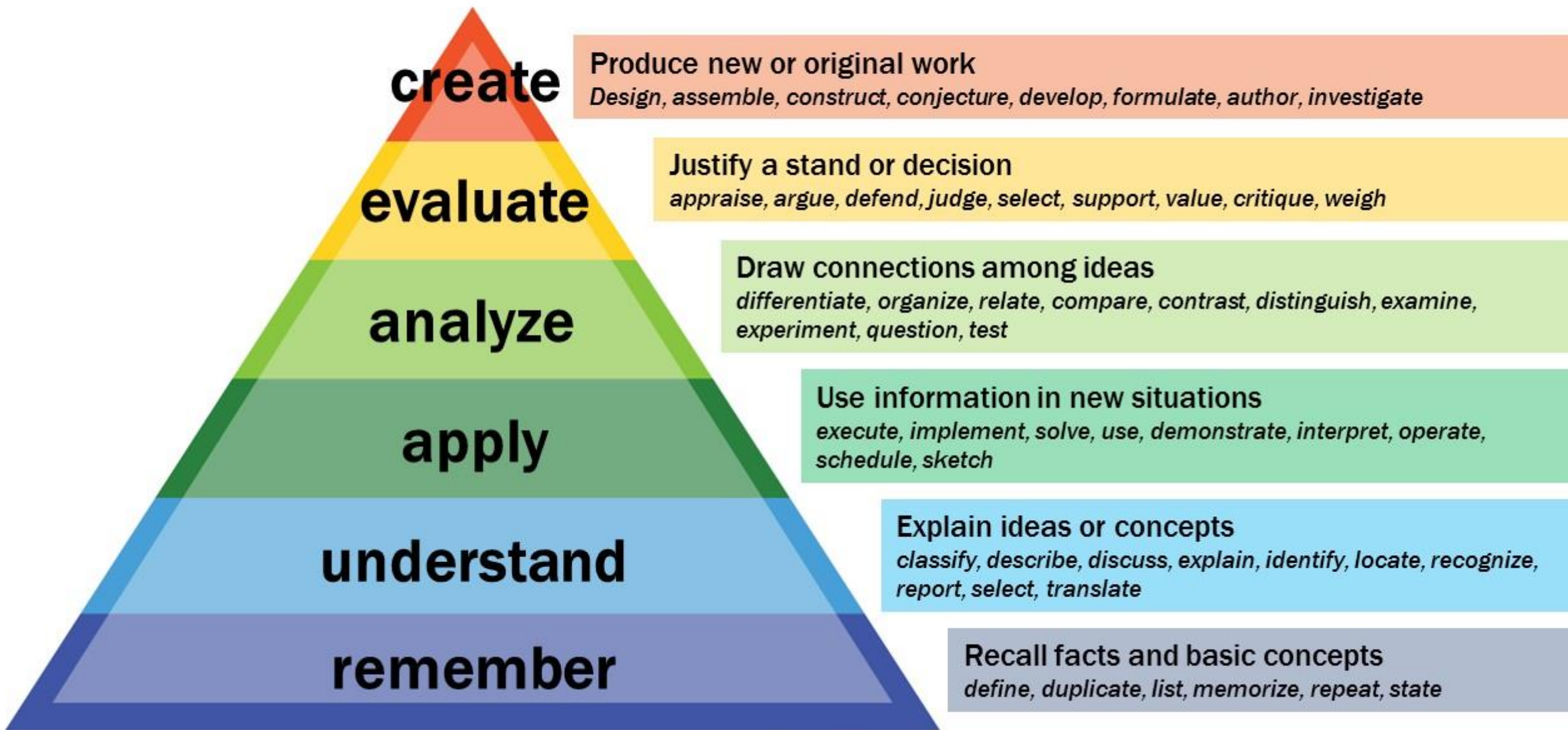
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SEEK
CLARIFICATIONS

The writing process



Bloom's Taxonomy



Writing resources



Reading, writing and referencing

Reading, writing and referencing

[Reading and note taking](#)

[Writing effectively](#)

[Reports](#)

[Essays](#)

[Literature reviews](#)

[Reflective writing](#)

[Annotated bibliography](#)

[Referencing and research](#)

Writing effectively

[Using a writing process](#)

A six-step process to help understand your assessment task, conduct targeted research and transform your ideas into writing.

[Clarity and focus](#)

Advice on writing in a clear style that moves logically from one idea to the next.

[Writing a rationale](#)

How to write a rationale.

[Using assessment feedback](#)

[Academic style](#)

Explore the key features that make up academic style.

[Connecting ideas](#)

How to connect ideas at the sentence and paragraph level in academic writing.

[Using sources: checklist](#)

A checklist to help you edit your writing and make the most of your sources.

[Paragraphs](#)

This video will show you how to structure paragraphs in your academic writing.

[Originality](#)

This resource explores the concept of originality at different levels of university study.

[Editing](#)

Find out how to edit your work effectively.

Thesis writing resources



Online resources

[Setting up for success: Managing your graduate research project](#)

Learn how to work with a supervisor, set goals and other project management skills.

[Writing a paper for publication](#)

Learn how to write a journal article and get published.

[Developing writing skills for graduate research](#)

Learn how to write complex information clearly, develop an authorial voice and demonstrate originality.

[Incorporating publications in your thesis](#)

Learn how to plan for and include publications in your thesis.

[Writing thesis sections - Part 1](#)

Learn about thesis structures and how to write introductions, literature reviews and conclusions.

[Developing your networking and presentation skills](#)

Learn how to find conferences, network with peers and present your research effectively.

[Writing thesis sections - Part 2](#)

Develop your skills in writing about methods, results and findings.

[Writing with GenAI for Graduate Researchers: FAQs](#)

Some guidance and expectations for the use of generative AI tools in the preparation of research outputs related to graduate research degrees, including the thesis.

Academic English Tutorials



Develop the academic and English language skills you need to succeed.

Week 2 – Week 10 (Starting 3rd August)

In person at the Parkville Campus

OR

Online via Zoom

“I loved this program so much because I can find new friends and it makes me more confident for my academic journey.”



Streams for Bachelor, Graduate coursework and Graduate Researchers

Register for your preferred tutorial time by Wednesday 29th July:

<https://go.unimelb.edu.au/2das>

Diagnostic English Language Assessment (DELA)



Receive a customised plan to develop your English language and communication skills.

Test dates: 22nd to 24th July

In-person at the Parkville campus

Register for your preferred session time:

<https://go.unimelb.edu.au/5bx2>

<https://students.unimelb.edu.au/academic-skills/english-language-development-DELA>



Academic Skills'

Digital Treasure Hunt



Scan the QR Code



Explore Academic Skills services



Win one of 3 x \$100 digital Mastercards

All degrees



All students

All semester

Academic Skills

Careers & Industry

Pragya Kapil
Experiential Learning Coordinator

Faculty of Science – Grad Internships



When: Summer, Semester 1 & Semester 2

Duration: ~80-200hours

Where: Hybrid ; Australia & worldwide (unit specific)

Who: Course specific (check the handbook)

Unit credit: 12.5 to 25credit point (unit specific)



URL:
science.unimelb.edu.au/students/internship-subjects



Faculty of Science – Grad Internships

Past work examples:

Contributing to biodiversity conservation and research activities, including field surveys and mapping.

Project researching neuroscience-based approaches to communicating scientific research and conservation work to the public to evoke emotional responses and action.

Construction and maintenance of structures related to the conservation of sea turtles by working on the process of hatchery and incubating endangered turtle eggs in Costa Rica.



STEM Career Ready Program



- Workshops and panel events (Storytelling for Science Students, Networking in Science for Introverts, Building your Science Internship Application).
- Industry Networking Events.
- Workgroup on *Faculty of Science: Careers in Science community on Careers Online platform*



URL:
<https://science.unimelb.edu.au/students/careers/career-enrichment-program>



Awards and Scholarships

Joanne Belvez and Dina Fedotova
Scholarships & Awards Team

Awards and Scholarships

We offer a wide range of scholarships, prizes, awards and bursaries to recognise student achievement and support students in need.

Scholarships Available

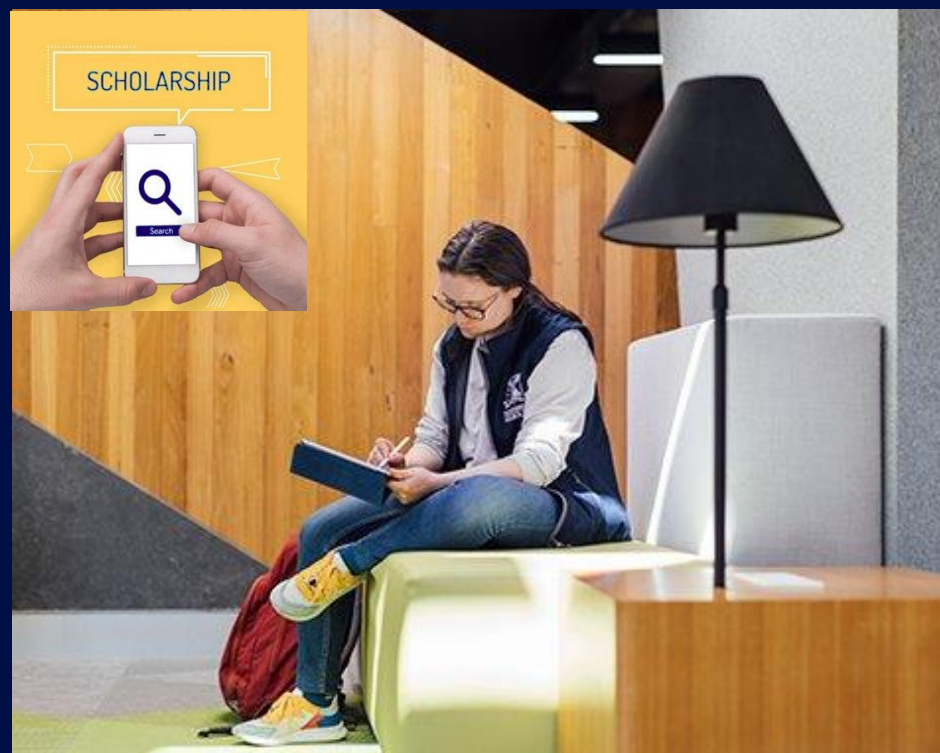
- Academic Merit
- Financial Need
- Rural/Regional
- Travel
- Research

Types:

- Application
- Automatic Consideration

In 2025

- Awarded approximately 532 students and graduate researchers
- In excess of \$2.4 million allocated



Awards and Scholarships

Deans Honours List - annual award that recognises the highest achieving students within the Faculty of Science



Deans Honours List recipients



Medal Winners with Faculty of Science academics

Find out more



Awards and Scholarships

Check out a wide range of scholarships and awards to support students who are in financial need or require funding for academic research and travel.

Currently open scholarships:

Scholarship	Study Level	Type	Amount
Hilda Trevelyan Morrison Bequest	Postgraduate	Application – Financial Need	Up to \$5,000
Muriel Ramm Science Bursary	Postgraduate	Application – Financial Need	Up to \$9,000

Round 2 application dates: 1 June to 2 August 2026

Explore all Scholarships



Awards and Scholarships

Check out a wide range of scholarships and awards to support students who are in financial need or require funding for academic research and travel.



How to increase your chances:

- ✓ Check eligibility criteria carefully
- ✓ Apply early
- ✓ Prepare documents in advance
- ✓ Strive to get high marks
- ✓ Join and engage in extracurricular activities
- ✓ Apply for multiple scholarships
- ✓ Keep an eye on our newsletters and email campaigns

Graduate Student Association (GSA)

Munaf Bhatkar
Student Engagement Manager

Sathiyamoorthy Mathushan
Faculty of Science Student Representative

The heart of graduate student life

WELCOME



Graduate Student Association





**GSA is the peak body for
graduate students at
UniMelb**



1888 Building

The Graduate Student Association is located in the 1888 Building at Parkville Campus and provides:

- **Shared study spaces**
- **Lockers**
- **Kitchen facilities**
- **Meeting rooms**
- **Family rooms**
- **Graduate lounge**

The 1888 Building is accessible to graduate students from 8am – 11pm, Monday to Sunday.



**GSA is run by
grad students,
for grad
students!**



What GSA Offers



**Social and
orientation events**



**Academic
support**



**Grad
Groups**



**Skill building
workshops**



**Student
advocacy**



**Financial support,
and more!**

Meet your student reps



President
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Premakumara



General Secretary
Cindy Wong



Vice President
Tika Tazkya
Nurdyawati



Queer Officer
Adam Cooper



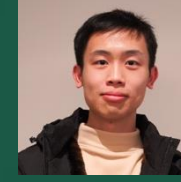
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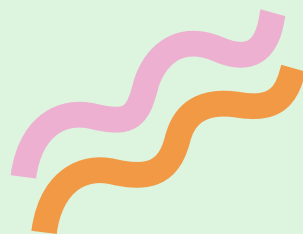
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Tiernan
Sharkey



Business & Economics Officer
Yash Vashistha

Grad Groups

GSA Grad Groups make it easy to meet people and get involved in graduate student life, with 180+ student-run groups connecting over 20,000 members.



Grad Groups



Academic



Business & enterprise



Creative, media & performance



Faith & spirituality



International & cultural



Physical activity, sports & games



Political, campaigning & social justice



Professional development



Representation & inclusion



Special interest



Sustainability & the environment



Welfare & wellbeing

We advocate for what matters

- Transport concessions
- Mental health
- Social justice and inclusion
- Sexual harassment and assault
- Student financial support
- Parenting and family concerns
- LGBTQIA+ community
- Cost of living
- + much more!



Do you enjoy...



Free food



Patting dogs



Learning new skills



Dance classes



Art classes



Making new friends



Yoga and Pilates



Cultural Events

NEXT LUNCH:
2nd October



**LUNCH
SOCIAL**

Fortnightly free lunch for grad students



Diwali
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Join us for an evening of
light, food and community

**SPEED
FRIENDING**
MEET, CHAT & CONNECT!



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**Wellbeing
classes**

YOGA & PILATES



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**SWOTVAC
WEEK**

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**Breakfast
Club**



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Art Class
WITH NILA

THURSDAYS 5:30



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**INTERNATIONAL
FIESTA**

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**FUTURE *
CAREERS
EXPO** WHERE OPPORTUNITY
MEETS TALENT



We have
many events
that you can
look forward
to throughout
the year!





OWEEK

22nd July-3rd August, Parkville Campus
gsa.unimelb.edu.au/oweeek

O WEEK 2026

**WED
22
JUL**

1888 BUILDING WELCOME TOUR

12:00pm – 1:00pm | GSA Reception, 1888 Building



**THU
23
JUL**

INDIGENOUS CULTURAL WALK

11:30am – 1:00pm | Meet at GSA Reception



**TUE
28
JUL**

PARKVILLE WELCOME LUNCH & MEET THE REPS

11:00am – 3:00pm | 1888 Building Front Lawn



**WED
29
JULY**

1888 BUILDING WELCOME TOUR

11:00am – 12:00pm | GSA Reception, 1888 Building



GRAD GROUPS EXPO

2:00pm – 5:00pm | 1888 Building Front Lawn



**THU
30
JULY**

1888 BUILDING WELCOME TOUR

10:00am – 11:00am | GSA Reception, 1888 Building



SPEED FRIENDING

12:00pm – 3:00pm | Gryphon Gallery, 1888 Building



ART CLASS WITH NILA

5:00pm – 7:00pm | Gryphon Gallery, 1888 Building



**FRI
31
JUL**

1888 BUILDING WELCOME TOUR

3:00pm – 4:00pm | GSA Reception, 1888 Building



**TUE
04
AUG**

VISA INFORMATION WORKSHOP FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

12:30pm – 2:00pm | Gryphon Gallery, 1888 Building



**WED
05
AUG**

VISION BOARD & GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP

2:00pm – 5:00pm | Gryphon Gallery, 1888 Building



**THU
06
AUG**

SPEED FRIENDING

12:00pm – 3:00pm | Gryphon Gallery, 1888 Building



**FRI
07
AUG**

MUSICAL PLANTS

2:00pm – 8:00pm | 1888 Building Front Lawn



INTERNATIONAL FIESTA

4:00pm – 7:00pm | 1888 Building Front Lawn



To register for events, scan the QR code
or visit: gsa.unimelb.edu.au/oweeek

GSA O-Week is for Graduate Students at the University of Melbourne



22 July - 3 Aug

OWEEK
2026

GRAD STUDENT O-WEEK



For the full schedule,
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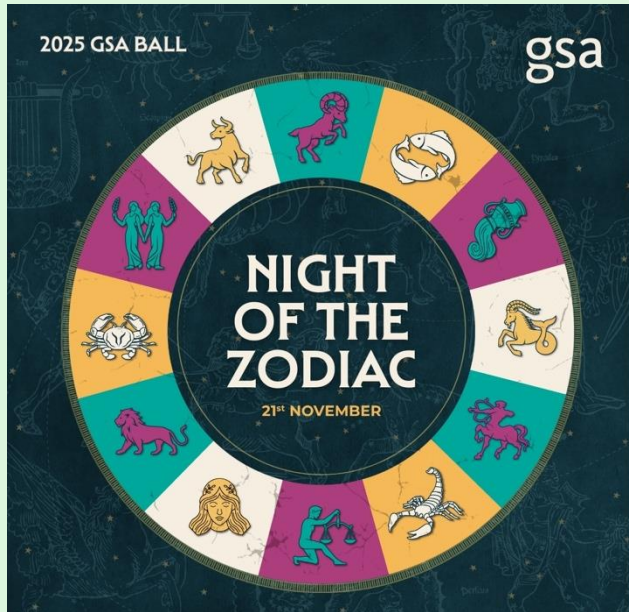
FREE FOOD FREE MERCH GIVEAWAYS SPEED FRIENDING

WELCOME TOURS GRAD GROUPS EXPO INTERNATIONAL FIESTA







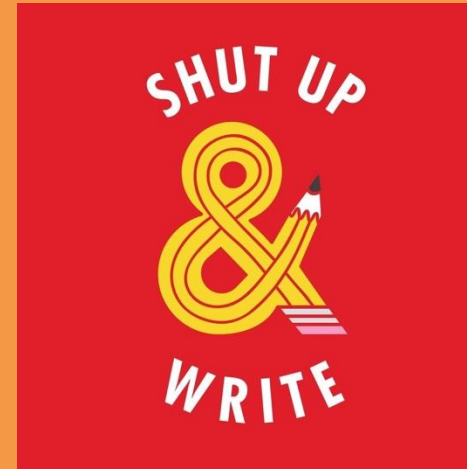








GSA offers regular workshops and programs throughout the semester to help you with your studies and future career.



Student aid

We support grad students with various student aid throughout the year



Become a GSA member

Find out
more



Enrolled University of Melbourne graduate students can become a GSA member for free! Being a member boosts GSA's advocacy for students, grants you early news and event access, as well as making you eligible for student representative roles here at GSA.

1. Go to the Student Portal **my.unimelb.edu.au**
2. Click on the profile icon on the right side
3. Select **"Personal Details"**
4. Select **"Student Union Membership Details"**
5. Scroll down to sign up for the **Graduate Student Association Membership**
6. Select **"Yes"** for "I agree to become a member of the University of Melbourne Graduate Student Association."
7. Make sure you **click Update and Submit!**



Extended Orientation

Welcome Lunch & Science Clubs Expo

 Mon 27 July, 12-2pm

 Market Hall, Building 189



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Extended Orientation

International Student Welcome

 Wed 5 August, 12-2pm

 Student Pavilion Kitchen and Lounge



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Extended Orientation

Button up! Badge making with Science

 Thu 13 August, 11:30am-1:30pm

 Student Pavilion Kitchen



THE UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE

Extended Orientation

August Wellbeing Brunch

 Wed 26 August, 11:30am-1:30pm

 G01 and G02, Building 189



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What's Next?

11:45am – 1:00pm
Lunch & Hoodie Handout
**Ground Floor Foyer,
Sidney Myer Asia Centre**

Other social activities:
12pm – 3pm
UMSU Live @ Amphitheatre
UMSU Clubs Expo @ Market Hall

