

# e-Grad School (Australia)

The e-Grad School (Australia) (eGSA), is a virtual graduate school that operates in Australia and internationally. eGSA provides postgraduate students, their supervisors and universities with online access to resources and activities relevant to their needs.

Focusing on the development of career-enhancing skills and knowledge, it brings together a wide range of *online-accessible* activities and resources that are *specifically designed* for postgraduate students, whatever their home university or location.

eGSA offers postgraduate award level qualifications in research commercialisation, research management and other university career paths to research administrators and managers, researchers and trainee researchers everywhere.

Offered through the ATN Universities:

- Curtin University of Technology
- Queensland University of Technology
- RMIT University
- University of South Australia
- University of Technology Sydney

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# The suite of eGSA virtual graduate services

## **Postgraduate students, supervisors and staff working in the area of research management**

*Award level qualifications:* The Graduate Certificate in Research Commercialisation and the Master of Research Management (commencing 2009) offer pathways to formal qualifications through modularised online units.

## **Support for postgraduate students' research activity**

*Information literacy for the e-researcher:* INFO-SCHOLAR: online course that guides the development of advanced information retrieval skills necessary for the changing information environment.

*Research Methodology Online (ATN MORE):* Self-paced and moderated online modules on issues in research design and methodology covering critical writing; ethics; risk assessment; critical and creative thinking; practice-led research.

## **Support for Postgraduates' future careers and employment opportunities – and building up professional networks**

*Employability Skills Online (ATN LEAP)\*:* Online modules (with moderators) for the acquisition of the skills employers require of graduating research students – entrepreneurship; project management; leadership and communication; public policy; research commercialisation; global sustainability.

*Maximising your career:* Online modules that help postgraduate research students to be job ready on completion of their degree, and with the skills and knowledge to maximise career opportunities in the years ahead.

*Introduction to Tertiary Teaching:* Teaching @ University: Online modules for postgraduate research students who are teaching, as tutors or demonstrators; and which also prepares them for possible future careers as teachers in universities.

Access grid technology provides the means to set up national discipline networks where postgraduate research students can engage in information sharing and informal exchanges about their research.

## **Support for Supervisors**

Online modules that support supervisors' professional development.





# Who is eGSA for?

## **THE e-GRAD SCHOOL(AUSTRALIA) - eGSA**

- Makes available postgraduate specific resources to students, supervisors, and research managers that are not offered or are not accessible online from the home university or institution
- Supplements existing offerings from the home university
- Offers award-level courses through the partner universities.

## **eGSA PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONVENIENT AND FLEXIBLE ONLINE ACCESS TO RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **For postgraduate students**

- Support for your research
- Award level qualifications
- Support for your future career and employment
- Networks with fellow postgraduates and staff at universities worldwide
- Access to a wide range of experts and programs, including those that target commercialising your research.

### **For supervisors**

- Access to self-directed online professional development in supervision practice
- Networks with staff at different universities worldwide
- Supervisor accreditation.

### **For research managers**

- Access to award qualifications tailored to your professional requirements.

### **For universities**

- Access to a battery of resources and activities to improve further the quality of what's available to postgraduate students
- Opportunities for postgraduate research students to participate in commercialisation training programs and awards
- Access to resources and professional development for supervisors and research managers
- Options to participate in resource development and the future of eGSA.

e-Grad School resources are currently used in thirteen Australian universities and the Graduate Certificate in Research Commercialisation is endorsed by the Cooperative Research Centres Association for use in 56 Cooperative Research Centres.

### **Prices**

A range of individual enrolments, subscriptions and/or licensing arrangements is available.

Contact the e-Grad School for details at [egsacoordinator@qut.edu.au](mailto:egsacoordinator@qut.edu.au)

## The eGSA Board

Each Board member is the Dean of Graduate Studies at a large Australian university with extensive research training capabilities.

### eGSA BOARD

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## Quality Assurance

In its establishment phase eGSA was funded by the Australian Government's Collaboration and Structural Reform (CASR) Fund. The Project Reference Committee consisting of prominent members of key national and international institutions (academic and industry) provided guidance and recommendations throughout. Now in full operation eGSA continues to receive ongoing systematic evaluation to ensure quality assurance and continuous improvement.

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## Testimonials

### Graduate Certificate

*Flexibility for sure. I was overseas for 4 weeks and I could keep up with the unit which was fantastic. Because the material was online I could access everything and read it in my own time.*

University of Melbourne student, 2007

*As a very new academic I will be using 'business plans' project plans etc to apply for funding/ grants and I have no doubt I am better equipped to do this because of the course.*

UTS student, 2007

*... it developed my understanding of research structures, priorities and outcomes: this knowledge is now a key strength in my ability to interview for, and succeed in a research position.*

QUT student, 2007

### ATN LEAP

*The content, the design and structure covered in the module is very user friendly.*

Curtin student, 2007

*Good constructive feedback from moderator. Strong inter-student communication possibilities.*

Swinburne student, 2007

### Maximising Your Career

*Excellent activities and work book – well presented, easy to use.*

RMIT student, 2007

### Teaching@University

*If students follow the practical sections they should be very well prepared and confident to enter a classroom and run a tutorial.*

UTS student, 2007

### Supervisor Solutions

*More effective than attending seminars...well considered and relevant...very comprehensive.*

RMIT Supervisor, 2007