

Advance Your Future in *Surgery, Anaesthesia & Ophthalmology*

PhD and Masters options to help you build a standout career.



Shape the Future of *Surgical and Clinical Care*

Where Clinicians Become Research Leaders

Pursuing a Higher Degree by Research (HDR), Masters or PhD, opens the door to new knowledge, advanced skills and diverse career opportunities.

The Flinders Health and Medical Research Institute (FHMRI) brings together world-leading, innovative and inspiring research experts to improve health, prevent disease and combat health inequities.

At FHMRI, you'll be part of a vibrant HDR community that offers peer support and professional development. You'll have access to individual mentoring to help you reach your goals; including funding opportunities, grant writing guidance, engagement training and biostatistics support. We'll set you on the path to a successful research career.



Flinders Health and Medical Research Building, Adelaide

Explore research opportunities in:

- Oesophageal and gastric surgery
- Hepatopancreaticobiliary surgery
- Colorectal surgery
- Urology surgery
- Ear Nose Throat (ENT) surgery
- Plastic surgery
- Neurosurgery
- Orthopaedic surgery
- Vascular surgery
- Cardiac surgery
- Anaesthesia
- Ophthalmology



Scan for other
Flinders' projects.

Support for your *Masters or PhD*

Ready to Take the Next Step?

Connect with Potential Research Supervisors

Reach out to researchers, whose work aligns with your interests. They can help you explore research areas, possible project ideas, and how a Masters or PhD could support your career goals. Any of the researchers listed can discuss your options and guide you toward suitable projects.

If You Are Applying for the Royal Australian College of Surgeons (RACS) SET Program (or are a current SET Trainee)

Contact a RACS Fellow to discuss how postgraduate research at Flinders can be integrated into your surgical career pathway.

- You will be co-supervised by a RACS Fellow and an experienced research investigator.
- You may apply for intermission from SET training, or in some specialties (e.g. ENT), you may be able to undertake research concurrently.

Preparing for a Scholarship Application

With support from your supervisors, you will get help to develop a strong scholarship application.

- Consider part-time study options
- Discuss working during your research degree, some scholarships are more suited to part-time arrangements.

Preparing your HDR Application

Once your supervisory team and project are confirmed, complete your enrolment in Higher Degree by Research (HDR) studies.



Financial Considerations

Funding your Higher Degree by Research (HDR) is within reach. A wide range of scholarships are available, and successful candidates will receive support to apply, for example:

- Flinders University Research Scholarships (FURS) and Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarships (AGRTPS) applications are usually due in October.
- National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Post Graduate Research Scholarships.
- If you are a Royal Australian College of Surgeons (RACS) SET Trainee or Fellow, then you are eligible to apply for a RACS Research Scholarship. RACS Research Scholarship applications open annually early March and close mid April. *(Note: there are a range of awards available, which provide tax free funding to undertake research. Some of the awards require that the scholarship is co-funded by the approved research institute. This should not be seen as a barrier as there are avenues for this co-funding support at Flinders University.)*
- Philanthropic organisations supporting specialities e.g. The Passe Williams Foundation, Rebecca L. Cooper Foundation, National Breast Cancer Foundation.
- Scholarship top ups, including part-salary from Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN) for after hours work, and surgical assisting in the private sector.



Find the Right Supervisor for Your Research Journey

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Oesophageal & Gastric



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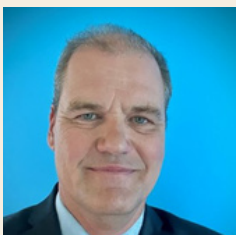


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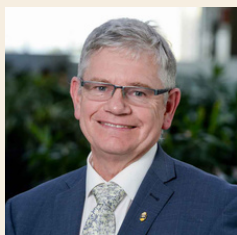


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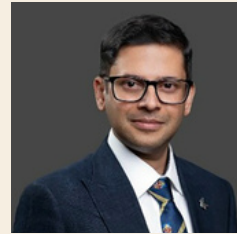
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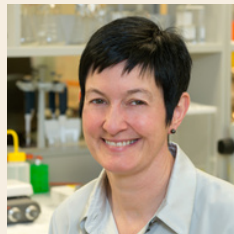


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