Postgraduate Study Guide

Education and arts



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Executive Dean's welcome

Welcome to the Faculty of Education and Arts at ACU. Our faculty has a diverse community of learners committed to making a positive difference in the world. We offer postgraduate degrees by coursework in education and postgraduate degrees by research across a range of areas in education and arts. Taught by active researchers and experienced practitioners, our programs will deepen your professional knowledge and understanding in both a reflective and practical way.

Our faculty hosts two national schools, the School of Education and the School of Arts, both with strong reputations: the former in teacher education and educational leadership and the latter in history, political science, and sociology. Our students also benefit from our close alignment to ACU's research institutes – the Institute for Learning Sciences and Teacher Education (ILSTE) and the Institute for Religion, Politics and Society (IRPS).

Our courses are designed to meet the contemporary needs of professionals in Australia and overseas.

Our strong industry links mean all our teacher education programs are developed and accredited in collaboration with industry experts – including representatives from Catholic Education, government, international partners, and independent schools. We also offer specialised programs that accredit teachers for Catholic schools and Catholic leadership.

Our arts higher degree research students benefit from supervision and guidance of world-class researchers in history, political science and sociology.

Our aim is to provide high quality degrees for our students. We also work with partners to create programs that support strategic initiatives and articulate into tailored award programs. Our programs offer opportunities for students to undertake study at our Rome Campus and other international destinations.

With our strong focus on social justice, community engagement, and lifelong learning, graduates from the Faculty of Education and Arts complete their studies with more than just a degree. We foster an environment which appreciates diversity, critical thinking, and supports you in your own professional growth and development.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Faculty of Education and Arts.

Professor Elizabeth Labone

Executive Dean, Faculty of Education and Arts



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Think you know ACU?

You're just getting started. It's education, but not as you know it.



Meaningful education, not mass production

At ACU, it's education, but with a bigger purpose. We're a university committed to standing up for people in need and causes that matter. If you've got the desire to make an impact, we'll give you the skills to change the world. And if you want to start making an impact now – you can. Research within our faculties and institutes tackles enduring and pressing issues in society, in Australia, and around the world.



We see the whole person

Everyone is welcome at ACU. We're inclusive and supportive of everyone, every day, and our students feel it – giving us five stars for overall experience, learner engagement, skills development and full-time employment.* We'll get to know you, and we will make sure you get the most out of your uni experience.

* Good Universities Guide 2019



Flexible study

Study needs to be flexible. We get that life changes fast, and you need to find the right balance of family, work and study. Many of our courses offer part-time and full-time options, as well as online learning, travel opportunities, intensive units, and flexible start dates.



re got your back

Whether it's figuring out how to enrol, or finding the best coffee on campus, we'll help you out in person, online, by phone, live chat, or even SMS. And if you need support with your studies, career advice, or counselling services, we've got that covered too. acu.edu.au/askacu



Connections that count

Our partnerships around Australia and overseas provide rich learning experiences for our students. These relationships enhance student learning and provide opportunities for practical work experience and collaborative research.



The world is our campus

We're young, but we are making our mark. We're ranked in the top 50 of Generation Y universities worldwide* and in the top 10 Catholic universities** – alongside Georgetown University and Boston College in the US. We've got more than 200 partners on six continents, community engagement opportunities around the globe, and a campus in Rome, Italy.

* Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2018 **Times Higher Education World University Rankings 18/19, IFCU members



Scholarships

We know that balancing the cost of living and study can be tricky. So we offer nearly 400 scholarship opportunities which recognise academic achievement, community participation, and help out students from a range of backgrounds. See page 8.

Our neighbourhoods

We've got seven campuses around Australia, and a campus in Rome, Italy. Each one is unique, but they're all dynamic, inviting and great places to learn. Head to **acu.edu.au/locations** to take a virtual tour of your campus.

BALLARAT

Our Ballarat Campus is located in the centre of Ballarat. Situated amid historical gardens, beautiful old buildings, and a block from Lake Wendouree, it has a lot to offer. Explore the grounds, enjoy a home-cooked meal at the canteen, and soak up the community vibe.

- Central location
- Free parking
- · Situated amid historical gardens and beautiful old buildings

BRISBANE

Whether you want to get involved in campus life, create a professional network, or just find a quiet place to study — our Brisbane Campus has you covered. Set on 40 hectares of parklands, it offers many places to relax, like cafes and a swimming pool.

- Shuttle bus connections to public transport
- Ample free parking
- Modern learning facilities

CANBERRA

Just five kilometres from the city centre, our Canberra Campus has a lot on offer. With a campus lounge and swimming pool, you'll have plenty to keep you busy between classes.

- · Free parking and accessible by light rail and bus
- Beautiful landscaped gardens
- Modern library and 300-seat lecture theatre

MELBOURNE

Our Melbourne Campus is right next to the cafes, art galleries and live music venues of Brunswick Street. Kick back with a coffee on our rooftop garden or hang out with friends in one of our cafes.

- Close to six tram routes, bus routes and Parliament Railway
 Station
- Award-winning library
- Art gallery

NORTH SYDNEY

Just across the Harbour Bridge from the city centre, our North Sydney Campus is a great place to study and relax.

- Close to North Sydney train station and many bus connections
- Modern learning facilities
- Cafes and dining options close to campus

STRATHFIELD

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Our Strathfield Campus is set amid beautiful landscaped grounds and historical buildings, with excellent transport links. Whether you want to have a friendly match on our rugby and soccer ovals or take in a show at our art gallery, there's always something going on.

- Free parking
- Popular art gallery
- Shuttle bus from Strathfield train station

ADELAIDE

Our Adelaide Campus is one of our newest additions, and primarily offers postgraduate courses in theology.

ROME

Our Rome Campus is located on Janiculum Hill, a site that has a rich history dating back to the 3rd century. It sits on a sprawling property that boasts extensive gardens and terraces to enjoy beautiful views of the city.

- Close to the Vatican and popular tourist sites
- Modern, onsite residential accommodation
- Community engagement opportunities

Committed to community

















5 stars

FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT, OVERALL EXPERIENCE, LEARNER ENGAGEMENT AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT Good Universities Guide 2019





97%

TEACHING AND EDUCATION STUDENTS ARE EMPLOYED WITHIN FOUR MONTHS OF GRADUATING



2018 QILT Graduate Outcomes Survey, domestic postgraduate overall employment



IN THE WORLD

RESEARCH

Top 3%

UNIVERSITIES Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2018/2019*

Top 50 GENERATION Y UNIVERSITIES

Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2018

Top 75 EDUCATION ARWU 2018

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Top 10 CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings, IFCU members 2018/2019



Above world standard

RELIGION AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

SPECIALIST STUDIES IN EDUCATION ERA 2015

Numbers that count

*Percentage calculated as ACU's world rank as a proportion of the total number of universities in the world: *International Handbook of Universities 2018*, Palgrave MacMillan.

Postgraduate study pathways

In general, postgraduate study falls into two main categories: coursework and research.

Coursework

- Programs are generally six months to two years full-time.
- You can expect classes, units, and set assessments, similar to an undergraduate degree.
- To apply you usually need to have completed an undergraduate degree first. However, professional experience can also be taken into account.
- The graduate certificate, graduate diploma and masters degree are connected and can build on each other.
- If you're considering a masters degree but don't initially qualify, you may be accepted into the graduate certificate or diploma in the same area of study.
- If you choose to study a masters degree but your circumstances change, you may be able to exit the degree early with the relevant graduate certificate or graduate diploma.
- Coursework programs are ideal for gaining new skills and getting ahead in your career.

Research

- Programs are generally two to three years full-time.
- You can expect independent research and exploration of original ideas under the guidance of a supervisor.
- To apply you usually need to have completed an undergraduate degree or a masters.
- ACU offers supervised research at either masters or doctoral level.
- Research programs are ideal for making a new contribution to an academic field. They can be a pathway to research or an academic career, or help you get ahead at work.



If you're studying at another university and would like to switch to ACU, or you have relevant knowledge and skills acquired in the workplace, you may be able to get credit towards your degree.

acu.edu.au/priorlearning

Fees and scholarships

There are many options to help you manage the cost of study. Tuition fees depend on the course you enrol in, and there are two placement offer types: fee-paying place, and Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP).



FEE-PAYING PLACE

A fee-paying place is not subsidised by the government, so you pay the full cost of the course. As a domestic fee-paying student, you may be eligible to defer payment of your fees through the FEE-HELP government loan scheme. Repayment of the loan occurs through the tax system once your income exceeds the minimum threshold. Your employer may also consider assisting with the cost of study if the course is related to your current position. **studyassist.gov.au**



COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED PLACE (CSP)

A small number of postgraduate courses at ACU offer CSPs, where the government pays a proportion of tuition costs. The remainder of the fees are paid by the student, but eligible students can defer their payment through the HECS-HELP government loan scheme. Repayment of the loan occurs through the tax system once your income exceeds the minimum threshold. **studyassist.gov.au**



RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM FEES OFFSET SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are enrolling in a masters by research or doctorate program at ACU, you may be exempt from paying tuition fees. Our Research Training Program Fees Offset Scholarships are for high-achieving domestic students whose research proposal aligns with our priority areas.

acu.edu.au/research-scholarships



FACULTY ALUMNI REBATE

If you're an ACU graduate, you may be eligible for a 10 per cent rebate on postgraduate fees. **acu.edu.au/alumni-rebate**



POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer scholarships to help support you financially during your studies. Use our online scholarships portal to find the ones that are right for you. **acu.edu.au/scholarships**



RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM STIPEND SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer competitive scholarships with a stipend to help support you financially during your research, and to reward outstanding academic achievement. For international students, this includes a tuition fee waiver and an Overseas Health Care Policy. acu.edu.au/research-scholarships

Got questions? We're waiting with the answers. **acu.edu.au/askacu**

Applying to ACU

Postgraduate coursework degrees



Choose the course you would like to study by browsing this guide and visiting **acu.edu.au/courses** for more details.

Check important dates and application requirements carefully – some courses also require supporting documentation.

Check out the postgraduate scholarships available at **acu.edu.au/scholarships**

Apply online direct to ACU at **acu.edu.au/courses**

Accept your offer and enrol.

Postgraduate research degrees

Application to ACU higher degrees by research, including the Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy, is by direct application to Candidature Services at ACU.



For more information on how to apply for postgraduate coursework degrees, visit acu.edu.au/apply

For more information and to apply for postgraduate research degrees, visit acu.edu.au/ research/apply

If you still have questions or need help with your application, visit acu.edu.au/ askacu

National School of Education

The National School of Education is a diverse and vibrant learning community. Operating both nationally and internationally, our programs are contextually responsive and designed to meet the needs of multiple sectors and stakeholders.

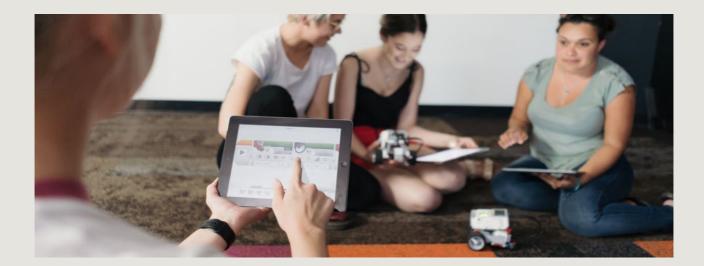
At ACU, education is our core business and is driven by evidence-based programs that are designed for professionals, are delivered flexibly and student-centred.

The National School of Education offers a diverse range of programs across early childhood, primary and secondary sectors, as well as special education, disability and inclusion contexts, religious education, and leadership development. All programs are designed and accredited in collaboration with industry experts, including representatives from Catholic education, the government sector, independent schools and international partners.

Our academics, led by Professor Shukri Sanber, are active researchers making significant contributions to practice and outcomes across a range of learners and contexts. Our education research is ranked at or above world standard. The major research strengths in the school are in mathematics education, teacher education, literacy, educational leadership and inclusion.

The School of Education has strong partnerships with schools and industry and works with our partners to deliver contextually responsive research-based programs.

Our strong research culture is also evident in an impressive higher degree by research (HDR) cohort of well over 100 students, and success in securing Australian Research Council (ARC) grants. Our higher degree research programs enable students to draw on a broad range of experts in the field and engage with authentic research problems that inform practice.







PROFESSOR JOHN MUNRO

Professor John Munro is an academic in allied school psychology and literacy intervention. Prior to this, he was an academic at the University of Melbourne. Professor Munro is a firm believer in sharing what he knows to improve student learning. He began his career as a science teacher where he ignited a passion for removing barriers in classrooms that prevent students from making optimal progress as learners. His research interests are in literacy learning and learning difficulties, maths learning disabilities, gifted learning, learning internationally, professional learning and school improvement.

Professor Munro has written several books and has influenced school curriculum, including the VELS English syllabus, the Language Disorders Program and the support materials for dyslexia and other learning difficulties for DEECD. He has also worked in the International Baccalaureate program for the Extended Essay and the Theory of Knowledge and was an international consultant to the Primary Years Program.



DR MIRIAM TANTI

Dr Miriam Tanti lectures in information and communication technology and is interested in computing curriculum and methods to integrate technology into teaching practice. Since joining ACU in 2008, Dr Tanti has prepared both undergraduate and postgraduate students to teach in contemporary learning environments through the meaningful integration of digital technologies. She has also worked with schools and school leaders to develop effective science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) problem- and project-based learning frameworks and action research.

Prior to ACU, Dr Tanti taught in secondary schools, specifically in technological and applied studies. Dr Tanti completed her PhD through the University of Sydney. Her PhD and subsequent research have emphasised developing a slow ontological and philosophical framework that presents a vision for sustainable learning, and she is currently writing a book on this topic.

National School of Arts

Led by Professor Michael Ondaatje, staff in the National School of Arts actively research and teach across a wide variety of disciplines in the humanities, arts and social sciences.

Our academics engage in high-quality research that has local, national and international impact, and make significant contributions to public debate in Australia and overseas.

We are renowned for our research in the disciplines of history, political science and sociology. Our academics are leaders in the field of Australian history and are at the forefront of international scholarship on democracy, populism, citizenship, identity and globalisation.

The school's research leaders provide outstanding supervision to higher degree research (HRD) students, who are an integral part of the school's rigorous and vibrant research environment. We offer inter-disciplinary research opportunities for HDR students and run an engaging program of research seminars and workshops to engage students and develop their intellectual talents. A number of our HDR students are undertaking their research supported by Australian Postgraduate Awards and other prestigious scholarships.







DR BENJAMIN MOFFITT

Dr Benjamin Moffitt is Senior Lecturer in Politics, and his research is located at the intersection of comparative politics, contemporary political theory and political communications, and focuses on populism across the globe.

Dr Moffitt joined ACU in 2018. Prior to this, he was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Uppsala University and Stockholm University, Sweden. He received his PhD from the University of Sydney in 2014, and his BA (Hons) from the University of Wollongong.

Dr Moffitt is the author of *The Global Rise of Populism: Performance, Political Style and Representation* (Stanford University Press, 2016), and numerous articles and chapters on populism in Australia, New Zealand and Western Europe, as well as the theoretical and media dimensions of populism. He is currently writing a book on populism and political theory for Polity's Key Concepts in Political Theory series.

Dr Moffitt is also a frequent commentator on populism in the Australian and international press, and in 2018 was named one of the Top Five Humanities and Social Sciences Early Career Researchers in Australia by the ABC. His work has appeared in outlets such as *The Economist, The Huffington Post, The Washington Post, The Guardian, Bloomberg News, The Conversation,* ABC, and BBC World Service.



DR MARGUERITE NOLAN

Dr Marguerite (Maggie) Nolan is a Senior Lecturer in the humanities in the School of Arts. She joined ACU in 2002 after completing her PhD at the University of Stirling as a Commonwealth Scholar to the United Kingdom. She also holds a Master of Arts from the University of Queensland.

Her current research project explores the role of book clubs as civic spaces in Australian cultural and social life. In addition to her work on reading and reception, Dr Nolan's research interests include contemporary Indigenous literatures, representations of race and ethnicity in Australian cultural history and the complex issues raised by hoaxes and imposture in Australian postwar literary history.

A widely published author both in Australia and internationally, Dr Nolan is also currently an editor of the peer-reviewed journal, *Journal of Australian Studies*.

Research institutes

ACU has prioritised research intensification. The work within our faculties and institutes tackles enduring and pressing issues in society, in Australia, and around the world. The following institutes are linked to the Faculty of Education and Arts, and provide opportunities for research collaboration.

Institute for Religion, Politics and Society

Professor Bryan S. Turner

The Institute for Religion, Politics and Society examines religion as a political and social force as it shapes the world around us. Looking at the interplay between religion and major social structures, including law, the economy, politics, and governments, we pursue the big questions: what makes societies succeed? How can societal success be translated into individual flourishing? What are the essentials of happiness?

Based in Melbourne and North Sydney, we produce excellent and high-impact interdisciplinary scholarship that both contributes to contemporary scholarly debate and creates new agendas. We aim to inform decision-making and policymaking in wider society through research, as well as professional and media engagement with governments, not for profits, and the private sector.

The institute has five main research streams potential PhD students might wish to locate their work:

- social and political theory
- law and society
- economy and society.

acu.edu.au/irps

Institute for Learning Sciences and Teacher Education

Director: Professor Claire Wyatt-Smith

The Institute for Learning Sciences and Teacher Education (ILSTE) hosts a large team of internationally recognised scholars. We work in partnership with key industry and policy personnel at state and national levels, and through international networks of researchers and leaders in peak education bodies. Our research is rigorous, socially relevant and ethically committed. It addresses the common goal of removing barriers to achievement and supporting learning engagement and wellbeing. Our research generates new knowledge about learning and communication in rapidly changing contexts, systems and practices.

Connections in our research across disciplines, and with policy and practice, offer significant opportunities for postdoctoral candidates, early career researchers and higher degree research students in a range of areas, including:

· data analytics and methodological innovation

in analysing the use of data and performance measures in education and teacher education

- digital technology and how it is changing learning and communication practices
- teacher education, teachers' work in all phases of education and curriculum areas, and student learning
- educational assessment, program evaluation and student learning
- learning, learner diversity and overcoming educational disadvantage
- STEM in education including learning in the disciplines
- educational semiotics in English and literacy pedagogy
- early childhood futures and the cognitive foundations of early educational skills
- reading and writing research.

acu.edu.au/ilste



Education and arts research at ACU is seeing results. In the Excellence for Research in Australia (ERA) initiative^{*}, we ranked highly in a number of disciplines across education, the humanities, and social sciences. **In education** – specialist studies in education was rated above world standard, and education systems and curriculum and pedagogy was rated at world standard.

In humanities and social sciences – history, political science and sociology all received at world standard rankings, while philosophy received above world standard.

Several of our academics have recently been awarded ARC Grants by the Australian Research Council. These grants recognise the outstanding quality of their research, and the contribution our academics are making to the development of new knowledge. In 2018, the recipients of these competitive grants were:

ARC Discovery Grant

- **Dr Melissa Bellanta** for a project entitled *Masculinity and social change in Australia*.
- **Professor Len Unsworth** and **Professor Kathy Mills** for a project entitled *Coding animated narratives as contemporary multimodal authorship in schools.*

ARC Discovery Linkage

• Associate Professor Lenore Adie, Professor Claire Wyatt-Smith, Professor Jacqueline Cumming for a project entitled Improving teacher assessment using exemplars and online moderation.

ARC Discovery Early Career Research Award

• **Dr Benjamin Moffit** for a project entitled *The visual politics of populism*.

ARC Future Fellowship

• **Professor Kathy Mills** in the field of education.

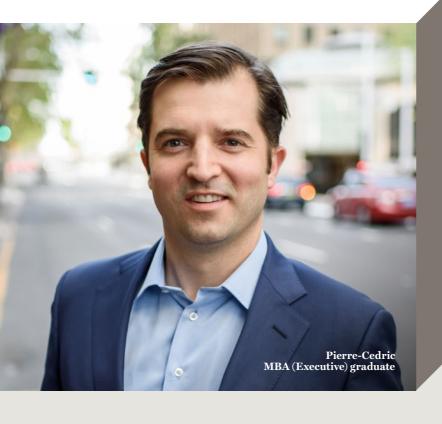
La Salle Academy

Dean: Professor Br David Hall

La Salle Academy aims to develop and deliver quality teaching and research programs in realising the aspirations of the new evangelisation. At the academy, we are responsible for overseeing three areas: educational leadership, religious education, and faith formation of teachers and leaders for Catholic schools.

We are committed to developing teachers and leaders in a way that extends their competency and efficacy, expands their theological literacy, and equips them with a new set of skills. Above all else, we believe teachers and leaders need to be witnesses; people who live by the spirit of faith. Our aim is for students to help the Church find doorways through which contemporary Australians can enter and bring faith and life into dialogue.

acu.edu.au/lasalleacademy



EXECUTIVE EDUCATION

A NEW CLASS OF LEADERSHIP FOR A NEW KIND OF LEADER

Just as tomorrow's challenges will bear little resemblance to those of today, great leaders will look nothing like the models we've become familiar with. That's because the environment is one of constant unknowns, rather than familiar patterns. Innovative future leaders will thrive in uncertainty, succeed in business, and excel in life.

ACU Executive Education is about developing innovative leaders who are eager to redefine business, move forward effectively and are ready to make a real difference to their organisations and the world.

We do this through a range of exceptional masterclasses, short courses and executive postgraduate qualifications uniquely created for today's busy professionals.

Alternatively, we can create leadership programs that are designed specifically for your organisational needs.

We believe standing still is not an option. We want to encourage you to be curious as you pursue your journey of personal growth, and pave your own way through the complexity to make a difference.



MASTERCLASSES AND SHORT COURSES

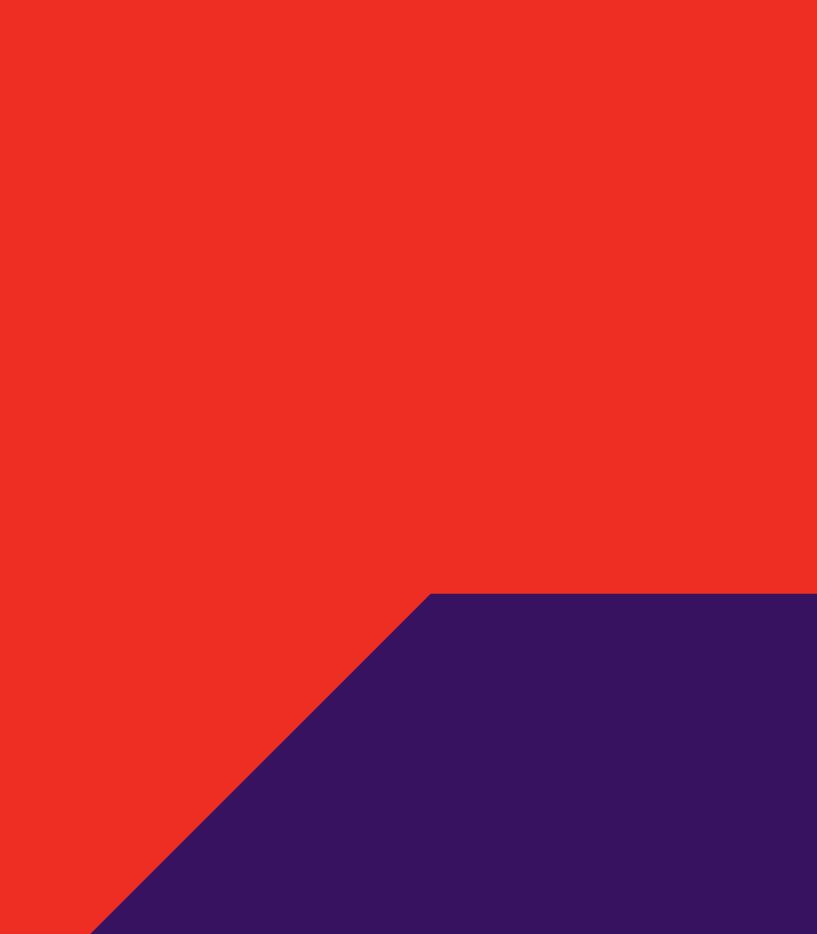
Influence people Negotiation leadership Senior leaders' program



Executive Master of Business Administration Leading resilient enterprises Leadership and Catholic culture Management of not-for-profit organisations Psychology of risk Family and systemic therapy



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We're here to help. If you've got a question, our AskACU team has you covered. You can search FAQs, text us, email, live chat, call – whatever works for you.





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ACUsocial



Send us your details and we will keep you in the loop about courses, events, <u>information sessions</u> and more.

yourfuture.acu.edu.au



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