WELCOME TO

MACQUARIE University
HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR PHD

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WARM UP

- In 20 minutes, talk to a person next to you (or several)
- Know:
  - Where does he/she come from?
  - What is his/her research field?
Something to consider…

“A PhD candidate should make a substantial original contribution to knowledge in the form of new knowledge or significant and original adaptation, application and interpretation of existing knowledge”
After PhD
Personal Plan

- You do your PhD for a reason, e.g.
  - become an academic?
  - become an industrial researcher?
  - Begin an industry career?

- You need to ask regularly with your supervisors:
  - Am I getting there?
  - How can I improve (e.g. courses, training,..)
LET US CHAT ABOUT

- Social Life
- Money
- Recreation
HELLO WORLD

- Tell the world you’re here! Be visible
- Publicise your research & achievements!

http://www.researchgate.net

- Personal website (maybe on CIFS!)
DEPARTMENT EVENTS

- What you have just done 😊
- Department's seminar.
- Staff networking session (Staff Drinks).
- The various research groups also have meetings and visitors.
STAFF NETWORKING SESSION

- Grow your network in your department.
- Be visible!
DEPARTMENT RESEARCH GROUPS

- Virtual and Interactive Simulations of Reality (VISOR)
- Programming Language Reading Group
- Centre for Language Technology (CLT)
- Centre for Advanced Computing - Algorithms and Cryptography
TRAINING

- Writing Course.
- Writing network.
- Specialized training sessions (Matlab,..)
- Special “training” events for research students are also sometimes organised, check your email!
NEED SUPERCOMPUTER TO FINISH MY PHD PLEASE HELP
How can I manage myself with PhD scholarship!!!
TEACHING & DEMONSTRATING

- PhD scholarship holder can do up to 14/week
- Demonstrating/tutoring is a good experience!
- Current rate is around 44 to 125 AUD, but consider tax.
- Need to have reasonably good English.
- Consult your supervisor first!
OTHER THINGS TO DO IN CAMPUS

- Social Session Policy
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Table Tennis
- Futsal
- Squash
RECREATION
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- Remember to enjoy sunny day beside the lake
THE SEVEN SECRETS OF HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL PHD STUDENTS

Dr. Hugh Kearns, Flinders University
THE SEVEN SECRETS REVOLVE AROUND THE FOLLOWING MAIN POINTS

1. Care and maintenance of your supervisor
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2. Write and show as you go: This is show and tell not hide and seek
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3. Be realistic: It’s not a Nobel Prize
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4. Say no to distractions: Even the fun ones and the ones you think you must do
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5. It’s a job: That means working nine to five but you get holidays
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6. Get help: You are not an owner-operator single person business
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7. **You can do it: A PhD is 90% persistence and 10% intelligence**

Diagram: PhD with 90% persistence and 10% intelligence.
THANKS FOR BEING PATIENT