

ACU Node, ARC Centre of Excellence for the History of Emotions

Research Student Information

We are delighted that you are considering enrolling in a research degree at ACU. This document provides information about research activities and opportunities in ACU's History of Emotions research group. Studying with us means joining a multi-disciplinary and international team of researchers to develop new understandings of how emotions change history. We look forward to discussing research proposals and assisting you to begin your research career at ACU.

ACU's Node of the Australian Research Council [Centre of Excellence for the History of Emotions](#) approaches emotions studies from the perspective of religion, philosophy, history, health humanities and literature from antiquity to today. We ask how emotions have been understood and performed, and how they have shaped and continue to affect intellectual and cultural life.

Our researchers are expert in intersections between emotions research and new testament studies, early Christianity, late-antique and Byzantine studies, medieval and early modern history and literature, analytic philosophy, religious ethics, systematic theology, and modern history and politics. We welcome students across all these sub-disciplines.

Recent ACU research includes: emotion and isolation; the affective contours of healthcare communication in antiquity; emotions cultivated in institutions of education; asceticism and emotion; liturgical emotions; medieval and early modern sound, senses, and time; objects and emotion; affect and political change; populism; emotion and environmental ethics; wellbeing, human flourishing and emotion; and intersections between emotions and analytic epistemology.

Research in the ARC Centre of Excellence is ordered into [four research programs and associated research clusters](#): Change, Meanings, Performance, and Shaping the Modern. While much research associated with the Centre has been focused on the time period 1100–1800, ACU's Node is expanding the Centre's temporal reach and strengthening the Centre's engagement with theological and philosophical traditions.

PhD researchers based in ACU's Node will also have the opportunity to interact with scholars and research students from other lively Programs in ACU's [Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry](#), [Dianoia Institute of Philosophy](#), and the [Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences](#).

Research Courses Available:

MPhil The MPhil is a research degree, taken over two years or part time equivalent. Students complete a 40,000–50,000 word thesis, working closely with a supervision team.

PhD The PhD is a research degree, taken over three years or part time equivalent. Students complete a c. 100,000 word thesis, working closely with a supervision team.

All research students are also encouraged to participate in a range of professional development activities over the course of their studies and are expected to be active members of the research institute and its research student cohort. Students are encouraged and supported to attend relevant seminars and conferences and present their research, including by developing publications aimed at high quality impact journals over the course of their candidature.

For information on how to apply for research degrees at ACU, please see [here](#).

ACU offers generous [scholarships and fee waivers](#) for research students.

For further information and to discuss applications for enrolment, please contact Node Director Michael Champion (michael.champion@acu.edu.au).