This Higher Degree Research (HDR) Handbook and Guide contains links to information of relevance to candidates and supervisors interested in, enrolled in or involved in any of Macquarie University’s research training or higher degree research programs.

The topics listed below are linked to the most up to date information maintained on webpages; most usually information at MQ’s Higher Degree Research website.

The list of topics and links is not exhaustive and some of the links may lead you to search for other information contained on our webpages and elsewhere. We encourage you to explore those links.

Furthermore, your search for information may well lead you to questions you cannot find the answer to through these links. By all means contact us at the Higher Degree Research Office (HDRO) or get in touch with relevant Faculty contacts to ask questions.

In the meantime, we hope you will look through the topics listed in this Handbook and Guide to find the likely answers to your questions.

**General Information**
- Important Dates - for HDR Applicants and Candidates
- Rules and Policies
- Schedule of Degrees
- Higher Degree Research Committee
- HDR Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Providing Feedback

**Research Integrity & Research Misconduct Management**
- Research Integrity and Research Misconduct Management
- The Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research

**Research Degrees**
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) - introduction and admission
- Master of Philosophy (MPhil) - introduction and admission
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**Research Training Degrees**
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- Master of Research (MRes) (program structure) for international students
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- How to Apply
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- Visa Requirements
- Credit for Previous Studies
- Fees and Stipends
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- Unit Information
- Forms and Documents
- Finding an Academic Advisor
**Cotutelle/Joint PhD Degrees**  
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- Cotutelle vs Joint PhD  
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**Applying for a Research Degree**  
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- Entry Criteria  
- English Language Requirements  
- Visa Criteria  
- Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)  
- Submitting an Application  
- Finding a Supervisor  
- Accepting an Offer - domestic students  
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- Signing the Intellectual Property (IP) Agreement (IP Issues)  

**HDR Supervision**  
- Finding a Supervisor  
- Macquarie University Supervisor Register (MQSR)  
- HDR Supervision Website (information for supervisors)  
- The Candidature Management Plan (CMP)  
- Research Integrity and Research Misconduct Management  
- Managing Supervisor/Candidature Conflict  

**Scholarships**  
- HDR Scholarships - for domestic and international students  
- HDR Scholarships - for indigenous Australians  
- Cotutelle Scholarships  
- Research Training Scholarships and Stipends  
- Scholarship Requirements (eligibility)  
- Scholarship Application Process  
- Conditions of Award  
- Scholarship Payments and Allowances  
- Scholarship Relocation Allowance  
- Scholarship Travel Allowance  
- Scholarship Thesis Allowance  
- Scholarship Commencement  
- Satisfactory Progress while on Scholarship  
- Change of Attendance while on Scholarship  
- Change of Supervisor while on Scholarship  
- Offsite Research while on Scholarship  
- Sick, Maternity, Parenting and Recreation Leave while on Scholarship  
- Suspension of Award  
- Employment while on Scholarship  
- Extension of Scholarship  

**Commencing Your Research Degree**  
- Central Commencement Program (CCP)  
- Faculty Commencement Program (FCP)  
- International Student Orientation  
- Enrolment Information for HDR Candidates  
- The Candidature Management Plan (CMP)  
- Enrolling in Additional Units  
- Using eStudent
Information for Currently Enrolled HDR Candidates

Using eStudent
Enrolment Information for Continuing Students
Enrolment Codes for HDR Programs
Annual Progress Reports (online)
Changes to Candidature
Change of Program
Change of Attendance
Change of Supervisor
Leave of Absence
Off Site Research
Transferring Departments, Faculties or Degrees
Change of Residency
Out of Time Candidature
Extensions to Candidature
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HDR Thesis Information

Thesis Preparation
Definition and Content
Presentation and Formatting
Thesis Length
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Thesis by Publication Guidelines
Copyright Information for HDR Students
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Macquarie University Theses Program
Revision and Resubmission of a Thesis
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Thesis Examiners Information
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HDR Thesis Preparation, Submission and Examination Procedure
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Learning Skills Support

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University Services and Facilities for HDR students

Information Technology on campus
Information Technology for students
The Library
Security
Campus Wellbeing
Medical Services
Welfare Services
Counselling
Disability Services
Chaplaincy
Diversity & Inclusion
Sport and Recreation
Student groups
Accommodation
Childcare
Transport and Parking
Student Loans and Grants
The Co-Op Bookshop
Food & Shopping