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<td>Associate Dean Research</td>
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<td>AQF</td>
<td>Australian Qualifications Framework</td>
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<td>BUHREC</td>
<td>Bond University Human Research Ethics Committee</td>
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<td>CPA</td>
<td>Cumulative Percent Average</td>
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<td>Education Services for Overseas Students</td>
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<td>Overseas Student Health Cover</td>
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<td>Research Development Manager</td>
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## Key contacts in University and Faculty

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| **Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Research**  
Professor Keitha Dunstan  
Chair of Bond University Research Committee |
| **Chair of Graduate Research**  
Professor Michael Weir  
Chair of Bond University Higher Degree by Research Subcommittee |
| **Director of Research Services**  
Mr Andrew Calder |
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The Basics

“You can’t solve a problem on the same level that it was created. You have to rise above it to the next level.” Albert Einstein

Congratulations on making the decision to pursue a postgraduate research degree. The University welcomes you to the Higher Degree Research community and hopes you find your studies, and experience at the University, enriching and rewarding.

As a HDR candidate, your time at the University will enable you to develop transferable skills and start your career as a researcher. Your research degree will contribute new knowledge in your chosen field.

The purpose of this handbook is to serve as a reference throughout your candidature; we hope you find it helpful.

All student related policies, including University Regulations, can be found using the following link:

https://bond.edu.au/current-students/services-support/forms-policies/policies-procedures-guidelines

Postgraduate Research Degrees at Bond University

Higher Degree by Research (HDR)

Under the University Regulations (Division 11), higher degree by research (HDR) programs must have a research component of not less than two-thirds of the sum of work for the degree, be it a thesis or a thesis and coursework.

Bond University’s HDR programs include:

- Masters degree (Research) programs (AQF level 9) programs; and
- Doctoral Degrees (PhD, Doctor of Legal Science (Research) (SJD)) (AQF level 10) programs.

Important link: for more information about AQF levels
### Overview of Research Masters and Research Doctoral degrees

#### Masters

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<td>Preparatory coursework</td>
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<td>Advance skills, independent research</td>
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<td>Creative or applied work</td>
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<td><strong>Master of Arts/Research</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Master of Laws LLM (Law only)</strong></td>
<td>Specialist postgraduate qualification</td>
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<td>Little or no coursework</td>
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<td>Significant original research, specialist knowledge, deep methodological capacity</td>
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<td>Pathway to academic, research career</td>
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<td>Maximum 48 months</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Doctor of Juridical Science SJD (Law only)</strong></td>
<td>Professional doctorate</td>
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#### Enrolment in coursework

Some HDR programs include coursework components. The purpose of these courses is to provide candidates with essential skills and knowledge to develop as researchers.

Coursework requirements are specified in the candidate’s letter of offer.

Where coursework is required, the relevant Research Development Manager (RDM) will, each semester,
enrol candidates in the appropriate subjects, ensuring that all changes to HDR coursework enrolments meet the program requirements and compliant with legislation.

**Duration of candidature**

The total period of candidature for each full-time HDR enrolment is normally:

- Masters by Research program: minimum 12 months, maximum 24 months;
- Doctoral Degree: minimum 36 months, maximum 48 months.

HDR candidates that are enrolled on a part-time basis receive the same duration for their program; for example, the Masters by Research maximum is 48 months, the Doctoral Degree maximum is 8 years.

Any requests for extensions, or alteration to candidature, must be made in writing using the appropriate forms and submitted to the Faculty.

After the RTP entitlement period has elapsed, fees may be charged in accordance with the University’s Fees Policy.

Candidates on an international student visa are not permitted to enrol on a part-time basis.

**Research Training Program (RTP)**

The Research Training Program is Federal Government funding provided to higher education providers to support research training for eligible students undertaking Research Doctorate and Research Master degrees. The enrolment periods stated above for (eligible) HDR candidates is covered by the Research Training Program (RTP).

An RTP student must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or Australian permanent residents and enrolled in a postgraduate research degree.

For full details refer to the Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarship Policy or contact the HDR Administration Unit.

**Establishing expectations**

**Commencement**

‘O’ WEEK

University HDR orientation

The compulsory HDR Orientation and induction is held once a semester and provides candidates with information about the university, research practices and resources available throughout their candidature. It is an opportunity to meet with other HDR candidates and is a condition of being enrolled in the HDR program.

**Faculty Orientation**

Faculty orientation is essential to discuss both general infrastructure support (including building access, access to office/work space or laboratory space, photocopying, travel, Internet access, tea-room facilities, technical support, equipment access, parking requirements, disability access requirement) and project-specific support (such as field work, testing, consumables, laboratory space) that will be provided to the candidate by the Faculty.
Your Faculty Research Development Manager is responsible for facilitating your Faculty Orientation.

**WEEK 3-8**

**HDR Support Series**

Facilitated by the Chair of Graduate Research, the HDR Support Series is a compulsory series of 6 workshops, usually held on Tuesdays from week 3 to week 8 of semester. Check the website for the most up to date [Support Series schedule](#):

The Series covers topics such as:

- Project Management for researchers
- Managing Knowledge: Literature reviews and Referencing Support
- Achieving Confirmation
- Budgeting and Keys to Successful Grant Writing
- Thesis to Workplace: Strategy, Transition, Translation
- Digital Tools and Predatory Publishing.

**WEEK 5**

**Research Integrity Training**

Research Integrity training is compulsory for all research higher degree students. Students must attend a Research Integrity Training workshop prior to their confirmation of candidature seminar. The workshop is held on Wednesday of Week 5 each semester.

Research Integrity is about good practice in research. See also [Research Integrity information](#) on the Bond website.

Topics covered in the workshop include:

- The Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research, 2018
- Honesty and integrity
- Adequate training expertise for the project
- Conflicts of Interest
- Ethical Conduct
- Data Management – retention and sharing; security, export controls, privacy and consent
- Authorship and publication ethics
- Peer review
- Intellectual Property and Collaboration
- Breaches of the code and research misconduct

**WEEK 6**

By week 6, you and your Supervisor should have discussed and completed the Student-Supervisor Agreement form which helps to set out the expectations and working arrangements for you and your supervisory team.

The completed and signed form must be lodged with your Faculty Research Development Manager.

The Form is available online in the HDR Student iLearn Community – log into the [student portal](#) then:

- select ‘iLearn’ on the left-hand menu
- select ‘HDR Student Community’ under My Communities
- select ‘HDR Handbook and Forms’
The Supervision Team and Relationship

The University encourages a team approach to supervision and HDR development. The supervision team consists of a Principal Supervisor and Associate Supervisors. There will be times, throughout your candidature, when candidates need to meet more frequently with Associate Supervisor(s).

Principal Supervisor

The Principal Supervisor will be the key person for the duration of the candidature. They will usually be a content expert, are always the administrative authority, and are the key member you should have regular and frequent meetings with.

The Principal Supervisor must hold a postgraduate qualification in the relevant discipline or equivalent professional experience, be research-active (in accordance with the University’s Research Active Policy), and have experience as an Associate Supervisor for a HDR student who has successfully completed at the same level of candidature.

Associate Supervisors

Associate Supervisors are equally important as Principal Supervisors however, they may have expertise in an aspect relevant for your project such as content, methodology, or industry experience. Your meetings with them may be more frequent at different times throughout your candidature as your project may necessitate.

Setting expectations

An essential aspect of project teamwork involves understanding expectations and responsibilities.

The Higher Degree Student Supervision Policy details the responsibilities of the University, your Supervisors and you so you know what to expect from your working relationship.

Read the Policy to inform your discussions and document your working arrangements in the Student-Supervisor Agreement.

Responsibilities of the candidate

Candidates are responsible for:

- actively participating in the selection of the Principal and Associate Supervisors;
- reading and understanding the University’s research and research training policies and guidelines, as well as those pertinent to the Faculty and, where relevant, discipline-specific professional requirements;
- completing the Bond University student-supervisor agreement;
- completing both the Faculty and University induction program within the first three months of commencement of study;
- reading and understanding the procedural and substantive rights and responsibilities of HDR candidates at the University;
- ensuring compliance with all University policies relevant to HDR candidature, including but not limited to: Occupational Health and Safety; Biosafety; Human Research Ethics and Animal Ethics; Privacy; Intellectual Property; Copyright; Code of Conduct for Research; and plagiarism and academic dishonesty;
- ensuring that appropriate methods of data management are identified and undertaken according to University policy and legislative requirements;
- adhering to the milestones and timeframes identified in their research program;
- maintaining regular contact with the supervision team, as agreed in the student-supervisor agreement;
- attending and consulting with the supervision team according to the agreed schedule;
• expending enough time and levels of concentration on the research program and demonstrating progress achieved;
• presenting required written material in enough time to allow for comments and discussions before scheduled meetings;
• responding to substantive and technical matters in the research and thesis, as directed by the supervision team;
• submitting and obtaining timely permission from the Principal Supervisor and ADR, using the relevant forms if the candidate is intending to take annual leave, leave of absence, travel to collect data or study off campus.
• completing their Confirmation of Candidature within the first 16 months of full-time candidature for Doctoral and eight months for Master by Research programs (pro rata for part-time candidates);
• undertaking any coursework or other activities required by the Principal and Associate Supervisor;
• advising the Supervision team of any difficulties encountered as these occur;
• submitting Confirmation of Candidature documentation within the agreed timeframe;
• informing the University of an intention to submit thesis or examinable material, six months prior to submission.
• submitting the thesis for examination within the agreed timeframe, and, if the examiners advise amendments are required, working under the guidance of the supervisory team to make these amendments within a six-week period; and
• accepting responsibility for the final copies of the thesis and submitting a thesis that meets the University's requirements on presentation and content.

**Responsibilities of the Supervision team**
The Principal and Associate Supervisors are responsible for:
• ensuring that the HDR student’s project plan is feasible within available resources;
• ensuring that the milestones and timeframes identified within the candidate’s higher degree research program are achievable;
• advising the ADR should they have concerns regarding the candidate’s capacity to meet the milestones identified in the research program or the adequacy of necessary resources or facilities essential to their completion;
• ensuring that both the student and supervisory team complete a Student-Supervisor agreement within the first six weeks of enrolment;
• ensuring they meet all requirements of being a student i.e. advising contact information, timely application of leave of absence requests (if appropriate). International students are to abide by their student visa conditions;
• maintaining regular contact with the candidate and ensure that a reasonable timetable is set to permit the degree to complete within the following timeframe:
  • 2 year’s full-time enrolment for Master by Research candidates; and
  • 4 year’s full-time enrolment for Doctoral candidates
Candidates may be extended beyond the maximum time period following a satisfactory review of progress by the ADR;
• ensuring that the candidate participates fully in research-training opportunities available within the University and the Faculty, as well as the broader external academic environment relevant to the discipline;
• providing timely and consistent feedback to the candidate as confirmed in the Student-Supervisor agreement;
• providing appropriate, helpful and explanatory feedback to the candidate on any submissions, returning such feedback in reasonable time, and assisting candidates to develop solutions as problems are identified;
• ensuring that a candidate has received clear written documentation where the standard of the candidate’s work is lacking and identifying together with the candidate strategies to address the identified problems;
• assisting a candidate, where appropriate, with re-defining the initial milestones and time-frames to ensure that the research program will be completed in a timely manner;
• reaching agreement with the candidate regarding authorship of publications and acknowledgements of contribution during and after completion of candidature, and respecting and recognising contributions by the supervisor and candidate in all published works;
• nominating an appropriate acting supervisor during absence, and seeking timely approval from the ADR, prior to commencement of leave of absence;
• counselling candidates to enrol for a lower award if progress has been unsatisfactory;
• identifying appropriately qualified thesis examiners for both the confirmation of candidature and the thesis; and
• advising the candidate as to whether, and when, the thesis is suitable in form and content, for submission, according to the University policy:
  • At the time of submission, supervisors should certify that the thesis is properly presented and conforms to the University’s rules for submission of a thesis.
  • Supervisors should confirm that the thesis is of a standard suitable for examination.

**Supervisory Team**

**Initial meeting (within the first 6 weeks)**
The Student - Supervisor Agreement must be completed within the first 6 weeks of commencing your HDR degree.

The purpose of the student supervisor agreement is to facilitate a discussion on:
• the candidate’s project
• the candidate’s approach to the project
• expectations, communication and regular meetings; and
• available resources
  • University policies and procedures.

Within the first six weeks of enrolment the candidate and Principal Supervisor must complete a Student - Supervisor agreement and lodge a copy of it with the Faculty RDM.

**Regular meetings with supervision team**
Regular meetings with the Principal Supervisor can take place in any of the following modes:
• Face-to-face;
• Skype, FaceTime;
• Chat messaging; or
• Phone.

Generally, the more frequent and more regular the candidate meets with the supervision team, the better.

Candidates need to consider the following for each meeting:
• Treat as a business meeting;
• Have a written agenda (student-driven);
• Take notes with actions and deadlines;
• Follow project planning approach; and
• Plan steps for next meeting.
Progress Reports
The purpose of progress reports is to ensure compliance by the candidate with key dates for milestones in their candidature. Progress reports are issued twice a year: May and November.

- The mid-year report is completed by both the candidate and the supervision team.
- The end of year progress report is a short report completed by the supervision team.
- The Faculty ADR reviews all reports.

The May progress reports will identify:

- Whether required work on the project has been completed;
- The frequencies of consultations with supervisor/s;
- Significant writing or drafting of the thesis;
- If ethics clearance has been obtained and up-to-date; and
- Early identification of any delays with submission of the thesis.

Progress reports are formal reporting opportunities to highlight issues, refocus research plans and budget implications.
A copy of the report will be kept on the candidate’s file.

Important milestones during candidature

A postgraduate research degree is a significant project that requires planning and management. Approaching your degree as a project is one method you can use to ‘see the big picture’.

As with any major project, milestones are set and are integral to the delivery of the project (in this case, your thesis).

All HDR projects have the following milestones:

Proposal
- Coursework (if required)
- Substantial literature review
- Early chapter writing
- Methodology preparation
- Data collection

Confirmation of Candidature Seminar
- End of first year of candidature

Progress review and reporting
- twice per year throughout candidature

Thesis submission for examination
- Pre-submission checks
  - Copyright, IP, Plagiarism Detection tool
- Examination
- Revisions (if required)
- Award by Academic Senate
- Graduation
Confirmation of Candidature

Important dates

Timeframe
Timely progress within the first year of candidature is important to not only the candidate, but also the supervisors and the University’s research community. Confirmation of Candidature is the first major milestone in a candidate’s research project.

Confirmation normally occurs within the first year (pro-rata for part time candidate’s), however the candidate’s Faculty will have policies regarding this milestone.

The main emphasis of the candidature review is to determine the appropriateness and feasibility of the research program, the adequacy of the research arrangements and resources, and the capacity of the candidate to demonstrate progress and milestones achieved to date.

Confirmation of Candidature
Enrolment of all HDR candidates is probationary until successful completion of a confirmation of candidature process. It is important that you are aware of your scheduled confirmation date early in your candidature, which your Research Development Manager can provide to you.

The Faculty will establish procedures for confirmation of candidature for each HDR program.

Confirmation procedures will require the creation of a small Faculty Confirmation Panel that normally includes the candidate’s supervisor and at least one member external to the University. The Panel is normally chaired by the ADR.

Confirmation process
Confirmation of candidature is the initial stage of the research training process. The key objectives will include evaluation of the candidate’s progress in the formative period of the probationary stage of candidature. The confirmation process enables an assessment to be made to ensure that the candidate is “on track” during this early stage. Confirmation of candidature will be based on an assessment of the following milestones, and candidates are required to:

• conduct an oral presentation;
• outline a detailed confirmation document, which will normally be up to a maximum or 10,000 words;
• complete an annotated literature or bibliographic review or other form of comprehensive background research;
• provide evidence of application for ethics approval where relevant;
• successfully complete any stipulated coursework unit/s or other developmental activity required in the Letter of Offer; and
• present an outline of the research project and progress to date before a Faculty Confirmation Panel chaired by the ADR and as a minimum at least one academic external to the HDR Supervision team, and an external examiner from a cognate field and as approved by the ADR.

Conversion of degree
Conversion of enrolment from a Masters degree to a Doctoral degree may be considered in exceptional circumstances. In the event a candidate demonstrates exceptional progress, the Supervisory Team may apply in writing for a conversion.

Conclusion of Confirmation process
Following the oral presentation, the panel will meet and discuss the candidate’s progress. The Confirmation Panel will recommend either that:
• the candidature is confirmed;
• the candidature is not confirmed on the basis that progress is unsatisfactory; or
• the probationary period should be extended as deemed relevant by the Confirmation Panel.

Where candidature is confirmed, the Confirmation Panel Chair will complete a Confirmation of Candidature report and provide a copy to the Faculty’s RDM.

Where candidature is considered unsatisfactory, the candidate will be advised in writing to prepare a response for consideration by the ADR. If the ADR upholds the Confirmation Panel determination of unsatisfactory progress, the candidate may lodge an appeal with the Bond University Higher Degree Research Subcommittee.

Where a further period of probationary candidature is recommended, the Confirmation Panel will stipulate the length of the extension and any conditions to the candidate and to the Faculty’s ADR and RDM. The Confirmation Panel shall reconvene at the conclusion of the extension period to determine the candidate’s confirmation.

**Support for Learning-Related Facilities**

**Library Services**

All HDR candidates are encouraged to maximize their usage of Bond Library’s services for researchers. Library resources include:

- Extensive electronic databases and journal collections;
- One-on-one assistance with searching for your literature review;
- Free document delivery service for articles, books and other items not already held by the Library;
- EndNote and RefWorks software for managing the references for your research, and formatting theses and other papers in your chosen referencing style;
- Loans of books and multimedia items in the Main Library and Law Library;
- Advice and support for managing the data produced by your research;
- Bond’s open access repository, epublications@bond, for showcasing yourself and your research to the world.
- epublications@bond can also make your research outputs openly available to meet Open Access requirements;
- Workshops on EndNote, RefWorks, searching for a Literature Review, Citation Searching, NVivo and more;
- Access to the key citation databases Scopus and Web of Science, for citation searching and identifying journal impact; and
- Advice on selecting quality journals to publish in, including Open Access journals.

**Faculty Librarians**

Each Faculty has a Librarian, who is a candidate’s key contact for assistance with all the above, and any other Library enquiries you might have.

We encourage you to contact your Faculty Librarian for an introduction to the Library services available for researchers.
Office of Student Learning Support (SLS)
Candidates can access, without charge, all services offered by SLS.

The SLS is suitable for all students, including native-English speakers. Supervisors should actively make students aware of these support services.

Services available include, but are not limited to:
- Academic writing (including structure and organisation)
- Helping with clarity of expression
- Grammar & punctuation
- Citing & referencing
- Preparing for candidature presentation
- Managing time & selecting ways to study
- Academic skills workshops

Students can book 1 x 30-minute appointment per week via the Student Learning Support iLearn site for an individual consultation with a Learning Advisor.

In addition, SLS offers ‘Shut up and Write’ sessions once a week – this is a two-hour session consisting of periods of intensive writing in which candidates can focus on writing output for their thesis.

For further information go to the SLS iLearn site or email learningsupport@bond.edu.au
Student Learning Services Staff

Student and Staff Medical Clinic
The medical clinic is a facility provided to currently enrolled students and staff members of the University. The clinic is located within Student and Academic Services (Building 9 on campus map).

- Appointments are required and can be made by phoning (07) 5595 4043.
- Clinic appointment hours are: Monday to Friday 9.00am - 12.50pm and 1.50pm - 4.00pm

Private counselling
The University has several psychologists who provide free confidential counselling services to help candidates with anything from academic, study pressures to personal problems.

If candidates are struggling with a lack of motivation, harassment, or depression, or are dealing with severe trauma, they may find that one-on-one sessions with a counsellor will give them the skills to cope. Counsellors have excellent contacts with the wider healthcare community and can arrange specialist professional assistance off campus, if required.

Private counselling appointments are held within the Student & Staff Medical Clinic.
Clinic appointment hours are: Monday to Friday 9.00am - 12.50pm and 1.50pm - 4.00pm

Counselling appointments are one hour in duration, available on the hour, and can be made by phoning (07) 5595 4002.

Sports Centre
The Sports Centre is in Building 9, level 2, on the east side of the lake. Facilities include a gym, cardio equipment, a 50m lap pool, and group exercise classes.

To gain entry to any Sports Centre area a candidate must have a current staff/student identification card. On entry you will be required to record your visit details on sheets available at the counter at reception.

Information Technology Services (ITS)
Computer login details, printing problems, or if you experience technical IT issues you will need to contact Information Technology Services.
Support for ITS is available at https://bond.service-now.com/computer_support/home.do
Monday to Friday 08.00am - 5.00pm.

If you are on campus, dial 7 or (07) 5595 4444 off campus

Please note that all correspondence between the University and candidates is through your Bond email account.

**HDR Student representatives**

Two HDR student representatives are elected by the HDR student cohort every year to be student representatives on the Research Committee and the Higher Degrees Research Subcommittee. They serve a 12-month term (1 July – 30 June). Nominees need to have successfully passed their Confirmation of Candidature and be able to serve the full term.

Key aspects of these roles are to:

- provide a voice for HDR students as part of the collegial decision-making process in relation to research and research training matters;
- facilitate communication/feedback regarding research and research training related matters throughout the HDR community;
- represent the views of the HDR cohort at Committee; and
- aid in HDR student advocacy

The HDR student representatives for 2018/19 are:

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**Available resources**

The University aims to provide the following facilities for all research students. Dedicated workspaces will be equipped with a desktop computer wherever possible. University computers will be equipped with access to:

- The Internet;
- Bond University supported word-processing software, such as currently licensed version of Word, Excel and PowerPoint;
- Provided with a Bond University email account;
- Dedicated workspace allocation, typically fitted with attached lockable cabinets or with adjacent secured lockers;
- A relevant statistics package and/or other commonly related research software if required;
- Information Technology Support;
- One telephone per HDR area/office;
- Access to photocopier and printer equipment;
- A shared HDR candidate mail pigeon hole close to the HDR area;
- Access to University stationery where necessary for research-related purposes;
- Access to staff tea/lunch/retreat rooms;
  - Laboratory access, individual bench space and access to relevant equipment in laboratory-based disciplines will be provided where necessary.

**Project budgets**

An integral part of being a researcher is managing a research budget. Candidates can access funding from the University for their studies. The HDR Unit administers HDR student budgets.

The diagram below indicates the timeframe for budgets.

![Diagram of budget timeline]

**Budget development and approval**

To access funding, HDR candidates must prepare, as part of their confirmation document, a proposed whole-of-candidature budget subdivided into calendar years. The budget must be prepared in consultation with the supervision team. It is recommended that a budget is completed as early into enrolment as is feasible to facilitate forward project planning and access to funding support.

The budget must be manageable within the resource constraints of the Faculty and the University. The University is not obliged to fund amounts in excess of establishment limits if prior agreement is not reached on project costs or conference support.

Proposed budgets and allocations will be reviewed annually by the ADR, who will make recommendations to the Chair of Graduate Research.
Receiving budget approval and accessing funding

Once the budget is approved by the Chair of Graduate Research, a formal letter will be sent to the candidate’s Principal Supervisor. The candidate will be included in the email. To expend funds, candidates can contact the Higher Degree Administration Unit.

Acknowledging funding

All students receiving RTP Scholarship Support, both living stipend and fee off-set, must acknowledge the Commonwealth’s support when they publish or produce material such as:

- books,
- articles,
- newsletters or other literary or artistic works which relate to the research project, whether this is during or after completion of their HDR studies.

This requirement applies to the student, their supervisor or any other party who publishes or produces material carried out by the recipient of RTP Scholarship.

The acknowledgement must be displayed in a prominent place using the following text:

This research was supported by an Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship.

Maximum available funding during enrolment

It is expected that the maximum amount of funding available to HDR candidates for project costs and conference travel support during their candidature will be determined by the costs of the degree as determined by the Commonwealth Research Training Program and the annual operating budget of the University.

Refer to the HDR Support policy for the latest schedule of maximum funding.

Project budgets and project support includes the following:

- Data collection costs;
- Laboratory consumable costs;
- Record access costs;
- Field work consumables;
- Field work travel and subsistence for data collection;
- Publication costs; and
- Material, practical projects and films.

Some project costs may already be supported through existing University infrastructure, including:

- Access to literature and publication resources;
- Access to databases and other relevant online records;
- Large equipment; and
- Minor equipment already owned and used in the University.

Conference attendance

Once a student has completed and passed their confirmation of candidature, they may be eligible to access funding for travel and conference attendance.
The University provides financial support to all HDR candidates on a case-by-case basis to fund conference registration, accommodation and associated travel costs where the candidate has or is accepted for an oral presentation paper on their research project. Support for attendance at a conference will only usually be approved after a candidate has confirmed their candidature.

**Process for obtaining travel funding:**

- It is desirable for candidates to have budgeted for funds to attend a conference to present a paper for the current calendar year. Applications to attend conferences to present research outside of this annual budget process can be made with the support of the Principal Supervisor and ADR. These will be considered by the Chair of Graduate Research on a case-by-case basis, using the same guidelines as all other applications.
- Candidates will consult with their supervision team and complete a conference and travel application. This must include all expected costs, including conference registration, transportation and accommodation. The conference program must be submitted with the application along with evidence of acceptance for an oral presentation.
- The application will be submitted to the candidate’s Principal Supervisor and ADR for approval. The application will normally be made at least three months before the expenditure of funds is required.
- An outcome letter of advice will be emailed to the Principal Supervisor and the HDR student.
- If budget is approved, the candidate must provide the HDR Administration Unit with the flight details, accommodation and conference registration details. The HDR Administration Unit will make and pay for these bookings on behalf of the candidate.
- The HDR Administration Unit will book all travels and conference registration in advance. Candidates will not be reimbursed if they pay for these expenses personally. Note that all travel undertaken by an HDR student during their project must done in accordance with the University’s [Student Travel Policy](#).
- The HDR Administration Unit will, upon presentation of tax invoices, reimburse the candidate with all approved out-of-pocket incidental expenses incurred during the trip.
- The HDR Administration Unit will keep records for each candidate and will provide a report of funding commitments annually to the ADR and HDR Subcommittee.

**Scholarship opportunities**

Bond University is committed to providing a high level HDR experience to ensure success in students’ research and research training.

The provision of appropriate financial support is an important part of the research training environment. Bond University allocates funds to support the financial costs of fee offset (waiver) and living stipends.

The University places a focus on commencing Doctoral students for all living stipend scholarships. Masters by Research student are not eligible.

Bond University offers two scholarship rounds per year: March and September. The 2019 full-time stipend rate will be $27,596.00 p.a. (indexed annually).

Successful international candidates will also receive a fee waiver in addition to the stipend. Bond University Scholarships are assessed by a panel of experts based on academic merit and research experience. Scholarship recipients are limited in terms of the number of hours of paid work they can undertake, and supervisors need to be aware of these limitations when allocating teaching arrangements.

Details regarding scholarships and on-line application process available from the [HDR Scholarships page](#) on the Bond website. Scholarships and funding offered by [external institutions or organisations](#) can also be found on the Bond website.
University Committees relevant to HDR candidates

Bond University Higher Degree Research Subcommittee (BUHDRS)
The Higher Degree Research Subcommittee reports to the Bond University Research Committee. The purpose is to maintain academic quality and promote university-wide procedures, processes and expectations for advancement of Bond University's aspirations and strategic priorities in enhancing excellence in higher degree research. The Committee meet 6 times per calendar year.

The subcommittee consists of Chair of Graduate Research, Faculty Associate Deans of Research, Student & Academic Services, Director of Research and two HDR student representatives

- Committee members and meeting dates on Bond website

The Terms of Reference for the HDRS are to:

1. Advise the Research Committee on matters related to academic standards, policy and quality assurance for higher degree research programs;
2. Monitor, manage and review policies and procedures pertaining to the progress of HDR candidates, including admissions processes, confirmation of candidature, progress reporting and timely candidature, quality supervision, examination, terminations of candidature, extensions of time, and other related matters;
3. Monitor and ensure standards for examination of HDR students, terminations of candidature, extensions of candidature, and other related matters are fair and, where appropriate, consistent across the University; and
4. Other HDR matters as directed by the Research Committee.

Bond University Research Committee (BURC)
The Bond University Research Committee (BURC) is a Standing Committee of the Academic Senate. The Committee advises Academic Senate about policies and procedures relating to research at the University, including the higher degree by research program.

Research Governance is provided by the Bond University Research Committee. The Committee meet 6 times per calendar year

- Committee members and meeting dates on Bond website

The Committee regularly reviews audits and makes recommendations on research strategy for the implementation of the University Research Strategic Plan. It also makes recommendations regarding the conduct of the University's government reporting obligations including Higher Education Research Data Collection (HERDC) and Excellence in Research Australia (ERA).

Bond University Human Research Ethics Committee (BUHREC)
The Bond University Human Research Ethics Committee (BUHREC) is committed to protecting the welfare and rights of human participants in research conducted by members of the Bond University community. In doing so, BUHREC promotes ethically, socially, scientifically and legally responsible research activity among all members of Bond University.

The Committee meet three times per semester

- Committee members and meeting dates, including submission dates, on Bond website
- Further Human research ethics information can be found on the Bond University website,
How to apply for human research ethics

All researchers are strongly advised to consult the relevant sections of the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2207) Updated in 2018 (National Statement) while compiling their ethics applications. Guidance is also available on specific issues within the application form.

New ethics application process

- If you need help using the online ethics application system, refer to the tips on the website.
- If you still have queries or concerns about how best to proceed, and would like assistance, please contact the Research Ethics.
- The BUREM Introduction to research ethics at Bond University offers a range of guidance from how to understand and apply general principles, to targeted advice about how specific issues may be resolved.

Bond University Research Ethics Manual

The Bond University Research Ethics Manual (BUREM) is a resource for our researchers, reviewers, stakeholders and administrators to assist in the application of core principles to the ethical challenges that can arise in research practice.

The booklets of this manual offer a range of guidance from how to understand and apply general principles, to targeted advice about how specific issues may be resolved. The BUREM is intended to be used across the range of research disciplines, methodologies and design that fall within the scope of human research at Bond University.

The material provided in these booklets is under constant development, if you have comments or suggestions about anything you read, please contact the Research Ethics Manager. The booklets will only be accessible from on Campus, or via a Citrix login. The BUREM is provided under licence and Bond University staff and students are asked not to send copies of any booklet to persons external to Bond University.

- Bond University Research Ethics Manual (BUREM) Introductory Booklet
- BUREM booklet list
- BUREM Index

Staff who want to adopt an evidence-based practice approach to teaching and learning can consult resources developed by Australian Human Research Consultancy Services (AHRECS) about the ethical design and conduct of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.

Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research

Researchers and research organisations are entrusted by the community with the responsibility to undertake research for the benefit of us all. Research integrity is a vital part of maintaining that trust. As part of Bond’s commitment to integrity, all research at the University is required to meet the guidelines set out in the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research, 2018.

The Code sets out the guidelines determined by the National Health and Medical Research Council and Universities Australia for responsible research in this country. The Code has broad relevance across all research disciplines, guiding institutions and researchers in responsible research practices. It explains how institutions and researchers should:

- Manage breaches of the Code and allegations of research misconduct (including the responsibilities and rights of researchers if they witness research misconduct);
- Maintain research data and materials;
- Publish and disseminate research findings, including proper attribution of authorship;
- Undertake fair conduct and effective peer review;
• Maintain transparency and manage conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest;
• Display intellectual honesty in proposing, performing and reporting research;
• Maintain accuracy in representing contributions to research proposals and reports;
• Behave collegially in scientific interactions, including communications and sharing of resources;
• Protect human subjects in the conduct of research;
• Undertake humane care of animals in the conduct of research; and
• Adhere to the mutual responsibilities between investigators and their research participants.

More guidance, policy and procedure can be found in the following document.

**Animal Research Ethics**

The University is a registered user of animals for scientific purposes and must comply with the requirements of the Animal Care and Protection Act 2001 and the current “Australian code of practice for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes”. Prior to any research being conducted on animals for scientific purposes, researchers must first liaise with the Ethics Manager in the Office of Research Services who will advise of the necessary steps and processes required to complete an animal ethics application.

**Breaches of the Code and research misconduct**

If you become aware of activities that you believe may constitute research misconduct or a lesser breach of the Australian Code, there are several options open to you. Staff and students may, in the first instance, report suspected breaches of the Code to your supervisor.

If the matter involves a serious breach, or if you do not wish to discuss it with your supervisor or ADR, you may refer the matter directly to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Research.

**Data management, Intellectual Property and plagiarism**

**Research Data Management**

Data management is an essential part of research today. Almost every researcher manages various forms of data. Data management includes activities such as backups, collaborative work, data storage and retention. Managing your data professionally allows you to work more efficiently, produce higher-quality data, and achieve greater exposure for your research, as well as protecting your data from misuse or loss.

Research data is increasingly being recognised as an asset and a valid research output. Some journals, particularly in the sciences are starting to require that data be made available to support the research conclusions. Sharing of data is being required as a condition of some research funding, and this is likely to increase.

The first step towards professional data management is to make a data management plan.

For details on how to do this see the Research Data Management Toolkit

The Research Data Management toolkit also contains information on:

- Storage and backup of your research data;
- Sharing your research data;
- Policies and ethics relating to research data;
- Using third-party research data.
Bond University's HDR Administration Unit and Library Services are developing resources to help researchers manage their data. If you require further assistance, please contact researchdata@bond.edu.au

**Intellectual Property (IP)**

As a researcher you should clarify ownership of and rights relating to research data before a project starts. Ownership and rights will determine how the data can be managed into the future, so these should be documented early in a project through Data Management Planning.

All research data created at Bond University is subject to the Intellectual Property Policy and associated policies.

In general, students own the copyright in all material generated in the course of their studies, including their thesis and the research data, except in the following three situations:

- The university has made a specific contribution of funding/resources/facilities or apparatus AND you make or contribute to a patent-worthy discovery or invention;
- The student has been provided with background intellectual property owned by the university or their supervisor; or
- The research is subject of an agreement between the university and a third party that deals with IP rights, for example a funding agreement that assigns all or some ownership of the research;

You will be made formally aware of any changes to the ownership of copyright or IP related to your studies. Should you have any questions about the ownership of your IP, please speak with the Research Services Office.

**Copyright**

Careful management of third-party copyright when writing your thesis will ensure an uncomplicated submission. There are two practical HDR resources in the Copyright for Students Library Guide. Download the Copyright for Researchers Toolkit for ready-reference during your research. It includes a sample permission letter and a checklist as well as easy-to-read information on the copyright implications for higher degree research students.

The Copyright guide for Research Students is a useful resource that contains scenarios for handling digital copyright problems in theses.

**External Parties**

Where research is conducted in collaboration with partners outside of Bond University, or for external agencies (e.g. funding bodies), ownership of copyright and other IP must to be explicitly agreed to by the parties.

Ownership of copyright and other IP will commonly be dealt with in a document such as a funding agreement, contract or a memorandum of understanding. All researchers should be familiar with the requirements of any funding agreements, contracts or partnership arrangements, and consider these during the data planning process. For further information on Research Data Management, see page 23 of this handbook:

**Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty**

Plagiarism is defined as taking and using another person’s thoughts, ideas or writing and passing them off as one’s own. Plagiarism is a form of cheating. The University considers the act of plagiarising another person’s work to be academic dishonesty and therefore academic misconduct and may result in termination of candidature.
**Publication prior to submission**

Candidates are strongly encouraged and supported to prepare components of their research for publication prior to submission of the thesis or examinable material.

In cases where a candidate has published research findings, specific references must be included within the thesis or examinable material and adhere to the University’s Code of Conduct for Research and the Guidelines on Authorship and the Retention of Research Data.

The thesis format may include one or a series of papers that have been prepared, submitted, or accepted for publication in a book or journal.

There may be some advantages in coordinating a thesis in this format:
- To develop writing skills
- Improve the quality of the thesis through a formal peer review process
- Create a chapter with each separate published paper
- Disseminate research
- Submission of published research in an appropriate journal is often required of doctoral candidates

**Requirements for inclusion of published work**

A thesis may include published or unpublished papers where such papers have been produced under supervision and during the period of candidature and where the quality of such papers is appropriate.

Papers which have been rejected by a publisher must not be included unless they have been substantially rewritten to address the reviewers’ comments or have since been accepted for publication.

**Extent of student's contribution**

The student should normally be the principal author (that is, responsible for the intellectual content and most of the writing of the text) of any work included in the body of the thesis.

Where any work has been jointly authored, a signature from the corresponding author is required in order to include the material in the body of the thesis. Co-authored work in which the student was a minor author can only be used and referenced in the way common to any other research publication cited in the thesis.

**Copyright**

If copyright on a publication has been, or will be, assigned to a publisher, permission must be sought to reproduce the work in the thesis and allow for a digital copy to be made available in the theses collection of the institutional repository mailto:e-publications@bond. This can be requested in the Publication Agreement with the publisher via an Addendum. Some publishers will allow upload of the accepted version of article (i.e. the version of the work after peer-review, but before publisher formatting) into an institutional repository.

An addendum to the publishing agreement would enable this for example:

*I seek your permission to archive a post-print of this publication in an open access institutional repository after peer review. By agreeing to publish my paper you consent to this addendum.*

Further information on addendums is available here:

If permission cannot be obtained, a student may still include the publication in the body of the thesis, however the relevant chapter(s) will be removed from the digital copy held by the Library so that the copyright material is not made openly available on the institutional repository. Alternatively, a student may ask for an embargo to be placed on the thesis in order to restrict public access to the thesis once the examination is complete.

Students are required to declare the copyright status of each publication included in the thesis on submission.

Students who require further information regarding copyright issues can contact the Manager, Scholarly Publications and Copyright.

Acknowledgement:
Based on information from the Griffith University Thesis website.

**Occupational Health & Safety and Academic Work Experience**

Bond University is committed to achieving the highest level of performance in work health and safety with the aim of creating and maintaining a safe and healthy work, study or research-based environment throughout the campus. The University regards safety as a core value; believes that work-related injuries and illnesses are preventable and aims to keep people safe while at work.

The University requires those responsible for all University activities, whether on campus or off campus, to comply with relevant work health and safety legislation, codes of practices, advisory standards and established safe practice, including Australian Standards, as well as the University’s policies and procedures.

**Employment — Academic Work Experience**

Faculties occasionally have opportunities for HDR candidates to undertake casual employment. Casual employment can include lecturing, tutoring or working as a research assistant.

Employment of more than six hours per week requires approval from both the Principal Supervisor and the Faculty ADR. The Principal Supervisor is responsible for ensuring that academic employment does not cause delays in the progress of the candidate’s research degree.

Academic employment is not a requirement of candidature, and opportunities to participate in this may not always be available.

If you are in receipt of a living stipend scholarship, please check the terms and conditions of your scholarship to ensure you do not breach your scholarship conditions. Many living stipends limit a full-time student to eight hours work per week.

**International Candidates - important information**

**International students-Visa requirements**

The following is a summary of the regulations regarding your Student Visa. It is important you understand and comply with these regulations, as Bond University is legally obliged to report any Student Visa breach to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) within 14 days of a breach and your Student Visa may be cancelled.

As your Education Provider, Bond University maintains all information regarding your address details (s21 ESOS Act 2000), academic records and enrolment status (ESOS 2001 regulation 4.01).
It is your responsibility to ensure that any information held by Bond University is up to date and that you comply with all relevant regulations. Failure to comply with any of the following could result in your visa being cancelled.

**Residential address- student visa regulation 8533**

You are required to provide Bond University with your Australian residential/contact address within 7 days of arriving in Australia and any address changes that you may have whilst residing in Australia. This CANNOT be a post office box; it must be a physical residential address.

How to ensure compliance: use eStudent to update your current Australian address within 7 days of any changes.

**Overseas Health Cover**

It is your responsibility to maintain Overseas Student Health Cover for the entire duration of your Student Visa. Our preferred provider of OSHC is Allianz Global Assistance (telephone: 13 OSHC (136742) or the Website: www.oshc.allianzassistance.com.au).

You can re-new your health cover on a weekly basis with Allianz Global Assistance in Student Business Centre in the self-service area or in person. Please contact Student Business Centre for times that an Allianz Global Assistance representative will be in the Student Business Centre to assist you.

Please Note: All Student Visa applicants for all Student Visa subclasses must provide evidence to DIBP of OSHC for the entire estimated duration of their visa. TU 574 (Post Graduate Research) applications lodged on or after 5 November 2011 will be eligible for an additional six months visa length. This is to allow six months for the marking of a thesis and students must show OSHC that also covers this period.

**Permission to work — Student Visa regulation 8101**

If you were granted a Student Visa on or after 26 April 2008, you will already have Permission to Work automatically included with your visa. Further information about the conditions that apply to working while studying is available from the immigration website.

You are entitled to work a MAXIMUM of 40 hours per fortnight while on a Student Visa. During official semester breaks you have unlimited work hours. Scholarship recipients are restricted to 8 hours per week only.

You must obtain a Tax File Number to be able to work in Australia. This is available from the Australian Tax Office [www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au)

**International Student Support Staff**

Bond University has a strong component of international students who hail from some 80 countries worldwide, creating a dynamic, multicultural community.

In the Student Business Centre, you will find Bond’s specialist team whose role is to support our international student on a wide range on matters:

**Damian Brooks—International Student Team Coordinator**

- Damian is the primary contact point at the University for Student Visa matters, monitoring international students, reporting to the Department of Immigration, and compliance with the ESOS Act. Damian also coordinates the monitoring of sponsored students.

- Damian can be contacted at visa.enquiries@bond.edu.au or (07) 5595 1036
Thesis examination

Introduction
These guidelines have been developed to assist Higher Degree by Research (HDR) candidates with preparing their thesis for examination. These guidelines should be read in conjunction with the Bond University Regulations (Division 11).

Bond University offers the following Higher Degree by Research programs:

Masters Degree (Research)
- Master of Philosophy (MPhil)
- Master of Science by Research (Health Sciences)
- Master of Arts (by Research)
- Master of Laws (by Research)

Doctoral Degree (Research)
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
- Doctor of Legal Science (Research) (SJD)
- Doctor of Philosophy by Published Work (PhD)
- Professional Doctorate Degree

General presentation for all HDR thesis

A template is available to assist students with drafting their theses in the correct format.

The following guidelines should form the basis of the presentation of all theses:
- Typing must be 1.5 spaced;
- Text must be Arial 12 or Times New Roman 12 font;
- Printed on A4 paper; single-sided for examinable copies and double-sided for final copies;
- The inside edge of margins should be no less than 30 mm;
- Top margin should be 20mm;
- Bottom margin should be 30mm;
- Edge margins should be 20mm;
- Page numbers should appear inside the margins and in the centre of the page;
- Pages should be numbered with roman numerals for the preliminary section of thesis and Arabic numerals for the main part of the thesis;
- Each chapter and section should commence on a new page, on the right-hand side.

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Title Page

The thesis must be preceded by a title page which should include the following details:

- The full title of the thesis;
- The full name of the candidate;
- The degree for which the thesis is submitted. This must be one of the following:

**Masters Degree (by Research)**

- Master of Philosophy (MPhil)
- Master of Science by Research (Health Sciences)
- Master of Arts (by Research)
- Master of Law (by Research)

**Doctoral Degree (Research)**

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
- Doctor of Philosophy by Published Work (PhD)
- Doctor of Legal Science (Research)
- Professional Doctorate Degree

- The month and year of submission. This must be the month the Executive Dean confirms the thesis has passed examination.
- The Faculty in which the candidature was undertaken. This must be one of the following:

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| Bond Business School   |
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| Faculty of Law         |
| Faculty of Society and Design |
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- The title and names of all supervisors, for example Professor Jane Citizen.
- Acknowledgement of Federal Government funding.
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Abstract
An abstract of 300 - 500 words follows the title page and should be a concise summary of the thesis.

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Key words
A maximum 10 words which are specific to the thesis
Keywords are listed at the end of the abstract, for example: endemic, biota, conservation

Declaration by author
The declaration is signed and dated by the candidate and must be included on a separate page after the abstract.
The declaration is below:

This thesis is submitted to Bond University in fulfilment of the requirements of the degree of (name of degree: see table below for full list).

This thesis represents my own original work towards this research degree and contains no material that has previously been submitted for a degree or diploma at this University or any other institution, except where due acknowledgement is made.

Full name:
Signature
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Publications you have co-authored, and are included in the thesis, must be stated below along with the contributions.

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Research outputs and publications during candidature

It is important for candidates to list any research outputs that were published or presented during their candidature.

List publications using the standard citation format for the discipline.

Publications should be divided into sections such as e.g. peer-reviewed papers, book chapters, conference abstracts.

Example:

Peer-reviewed publications


Published and Presented Conference Abstracts


Ethics declaration
If the project received human research ethics approval, the following statement must be included in the thesis:

“The research associated with this thesis received ethics approval from the Bond University Human Research Ethics Committee. Ethics application number *****.”

Copyright information
Candidates who have had research published and who also use the material in their thesis, must be aware of copyright issues.

Copyright permission must be obtained from the publisher before the thesis is examined. This is because the Publisher owns the copyright of the material e.g. published paper.

If permission is not obtained the material must be removed from the electronic version of the thesis. This must be completed by the candidate before the final version of the thesis is submitted to the University Library.

Candidates should use the copyright permission template when contacting publishers. Library Services can provide further information if required. Candidate’s must keep a copy of the publisher’s permission.

Completed forms must be submitted with the thesis to the Faculty Research Development Manager, who will lodge it with the final, hardcopy version, to the Library.
The Copyright Permission Template

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Dear [Copyright owner’s name]

My name is [your name]. I am completing a [Masters / PhD / Professional Doctorate] thesis at Bond University.

Theses published at Bond University are made digitally available on the internet for public access via the university’s institutional repository, e-publications@bond.

My thesis includes the following copyright material/article:
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Regards

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Main Section

Structure of the main text of the thesis
Candidates should seek advice from their Supervision team regarding the structure of the main section of the thesis, particularly in relation to chapters. The Library have produced a guide which will help candidates find resources to help them with the writing process http://bond.libguides.com/writing-submitting-a-thesis

Bibliography or list of references
- Only recognised referencing styles should be employed, and candidates should consult with their supervisors on the most appropriate form of referencing for the field in which they are working.
- The style of referencing adopted must be followed consistently.
- All books and articles mentioned in the body of the thesis must appear in the bibliography or reference list as appropriate.
- In some fields, the bibliography or reference list contains a record of works consulted, even if not actually cited in the text.
- The form in which a bibliography or reference list is presented may vary depending on the field of research. Supervisors can advise on what is appropriate for the field of research, and candidates should become familiar with the standard in their field by consulting previous thesis.
- References/footnotes may appear in the body of the text, or at the bottom of each page, at the end of each chapter, or at the end of the thesis. However, this varies between fields of research. Candidates should consult with their supervisor for clarity.
- Adequate documentation of sources is expected and relied upon by the thesis examiners who may wish to consult sources quoted in a thesis.
- Failure to adequately document sources could lead to allegations of plagiarism.

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The process of submitting the thesis for examination
In the months preceding the submission of the thesis, the candidate, supervision team, ADR and RDM will be involved in the examination process.

Selection of examiners
The Faculty ADR, in consultation with the supervisors of a doctoral candidate, will normally nominate five examiners from which three examiners will be selected. For examination of a Masters by Research, normally three examiners will be nominated, from which two will be selected. This may include one internal examiner. Faculty recommendations must be forwarded to the Dean for approval.

Selection and approval of examiners by the ADR should be made at least two months prior to the
expected date of submission of the thesis or examinable material.

Examination of a thesis or examinable material will be undertaken by the examiners and endorsed by the ADR on behalf of the Faculty Dean.

Normally, examiners will have a degree equivalent to that under examination. However, in exceptional circumstances, one of the three examiners may be appointed based on outstanding scholarly and academic achievement or expertise in the field.

It is the responsibility of supervisors and candidates to disclose any close working relationship with a nominated examiner, or where co-publication has occurred prior to or during the period of candidature.

Prior to the selection of examiners, candidates have the right to indicate any examiners that they wish to be excluded, and in such circumstances the candidate must provide written justification for this request to the Faculty ADR.

**Communication with examiners**

The ADR will request the Faculty RDM to contact prospective examiners to seek their availability during the expected period following submission of the thesis or examinable material.

Confidentiality of the examiners and the examination process must be maintained throughout the examination process. All communication with examiners must be directed through the Faculty. No other communication can be made with the examiners after appointment.

Examiners are normally required to return the Examiner’s Report Form on the thesis/examinable material submitted for examination within 8 weeks.

**Panels of examiners**

The Examination Panel for doctoral theses will be comprised of three independent examiners, selected from the five nominated and submitted for approval.

The Masters by Research Examination Panel will be comprised of two independent examiners, one of whom may be internal, selected from the three nominated and submitted for approval.

**Submission of examinable material**

Approval for submission of the thesis or other examinable material must be provided initially by the candidate’s supervisors and recommended by the ADR using the Notification to Submit for Examination of Thesis Form.

By signing the Notification to Submit for Examination of Thesis Form, the candidate’s supervisors and the ADR confirm that the thesis or examinable material is of an appropriate academic standard for the degree to which it is to be submitted and examined and that it has met the presentation standards required by the University.

**Editing of thesis**

Candidates must obtain, prior to examination, written approval from their supervisors and the ADR to use a professional editor or proof-reader. It is the responsibility of the supervisors to ensure that any professional editorial assistance does not alter or impact upon the scholarship or intellectual content of the candidate’s thesis or other examinable material.

Candidates who use professional editorial assistance must comply with all requirements outlined in the Guidelines for editing research theses.
Submission for examination
Formatting of the thesis in line with Bond University expectations, as stated in this document, is the responsibility of the candidate.

Formatting of examinable thesis is the same as for final theses except, the examinable thesis must be printed single-sided and soft bound. Candidates should refer to their Faculty RDM for instructions on whether a hard copy of the thesis is required for examination. Candidates must complete a Submission of Thesis or Examinable Material Form prior to lodgment.

Guidelines for examiners
The University will provide all examiners with a copy of the University’s Guidelines for Examiners for assessment of theses or other examinable material.

Criteria for Examination of the Thesis
Examiners are provided with the University’s Guidelines for Examiners to assist with the marking of a thesis and/or examinable material. Examiners are asked to consider the Research Doctoral or Masters by Research thesis or examinable material in the following terms, considering differences of format and style appropriate to the field and discipline:

• Does the candidate demonstrate his or her familiarity and understanding of the literature in the field of study?
• Does the candidate demonstrate his or her ability to conceptualise, design and undertake an independent research project?
• Are the methodological or technical approaches used appropriate to the project design and sufficiently well applied?
• Are the research results well outlined and interpreted?
• Has the thesis made an important contribution to knowledge or understanding of knowledge in the field?
• Does the thesis and/or examinable material demonstrate the appropriate degree of originality embodied in the work submitted?

Duration of examination
The ADR will recommend commencement of the examination process for theses or other examinable material submitted by all HDR students.

Normally, the thesis or other examinable material will be assessed within these timeframes:
1. One week from submission of examinable material to dispatch to examiners;
2. Eight weeks from receipt by examiners to return of examiners’ reports to the Faculty RDM;
3. Two weeks from receipt of examiners’ report to be considered by the ADR and actioned by the Faculty RDM;
4. Two weeks from receipt of final submission of examiners reports to notification of official result to the candidate and supervisors.

Information sent to examiners
Generally, the information consists of the following:

• a copy of the thesis in hard copy or in electronic form, as requested;
• a written report on the performance of the candidate in any required program, seminars, exercises and laboratory work, where the thesis represents partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree;
• a request for examiner acceptance, including confirmation of no conflict of interest;
• a specific due date and return instructions for submission of the examiner’s report;
• honorarium payment arrangements; and
Procedures while Under Examination

Once the thesis has been submitted to Faculty, a copy will be sent to each of the examiners. The timeframe for their examination and report is approximately eight weeks, but this is a guideline only.

During the examination period the Faculty RDM will monitor the correspondence from the examiners and send them reminder emails when required. Once the examiners reports are received, the Faculty RDM will contact the supervision team and provide them with the examiners’ reports. The Principal Supervisor will then contact the candidate.

Conclusion of thesis examination

Examination Recommendation

The examiner’s report requests written comments on the originality and critical insight of the thesis, conceptual and methodological rigor, presentation and technical quality, command of the literature, and concluding recommendations. Each Examiner will conclude with one of the following recommendations:

- pass without further examination or amendment, and that the thesis be accepted as satisfactory for the award of the degree;
- pass with minor amendments, and that when all amendments are completed to the satisfaction of the Principal Supervisor and the ADR, the thesis be accepted as satisfactory for the award of the degree;
- not passed, and that work is to be substantially revised and submitted for re-examination within a period specified by the ADR;
- pass at the level of a Masters by Research, in exceptional circumstances the ADR and external examiners conclude that a PhD thesis or other examinable material may be awarded a Pass at the level of a Masters by Research; or
- fail.

On receipt of the Examiner’s report, the RDM will acknowledge and thank each examiner. The RDM will arrange for honorarium payments for external examiners.

Timeframe for completion amendments based on examiner recommendations

Candidates are required to ensure that examiners’ recommendations are undertaken and completed within the following time-frames:

- **Pass without further examination or amendment**: no further changes required;
- **Pass with minor amendments completed to the satisfaction of the supervisors and the ADR**: must be completed within three months of notification of the examiners’ assessments;
- **Pass with major amendments completed to the satisfaction of the supervisors and ADR**: must be completed within a specified period. This will vary between six to twelve months from notification of the examiners’ assessments.

Normally the candidature of HDR students who do not adhere to these timeframes will be terminated. However, in exceptional circumstances and one month prior to the deadline, a candidate must submit a detailed written request to the ADR, together with written support from the
supervisors, requesting an extension.

**Notification of outcome to the candidate**
The Examiners’ reports will be forwarded to supervisors and the ADR as soon as these are received.

The supervisors will meet the candidate to discuss the examiners’ reports and, based on the examiners’ comments, work with the candidate to undertake the required amendments and advise the Faculty RDM when these have been completed.

**Submitting the final version of the thesis as examined and passed.**
Candidates need to ensure they have done the following before submitting the final version of the thesis to the Faculty’s RDM:

**Final version of the thesis has been prepared as a PDF document**
The thesis must be converted into a PDF file. The PDF will be used to upload a copy in the Library, and to produce the hardcopy.

**Complete the Thesis Deposit form**
This form consists of a copyright statement and authenticity statement.

**Complete Candidate’s instructions regarding availability of thesis form**
This form provides the University with the Candidate’s instructions regarding the thesis availability.

**Copyright**
If copyright material that does not belong to the candidate is included (e.g. pictures, tables, graphs, substantial amount of other material), the candidate must obtain permission to include that material or else omit it from the electronic version of the thesis or examinable outcome. A notation specifying what material has been removed from the electronic copy must be included.

**Abbreviated title**
If the thesis title exceeds 15 words, the candidate will be required to provide a shorter title which will be displayed on the spine of the thesis;

**Confirm post nominals**
The table below outlines the post nominals for the degrees offered at the University.

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**Lodgment of Thesis**
Candidates must lodge the final version of their thesis with their Faculty RDM. This must be a PDF file, and accompanied by
• Thesis Deposit; and
• Candidate’s instructions regarding availability of thesis.
• Signed and scanned declaration page to be inserted into pdf (alternatively, candidates can sign the hard copies when printed).

Final version of thesis to be printed
The theses are bound permanently in hard cover. The Faculty will arrange the printing and distribution on the candidate’s behalf.

The University requires a hardcopy and an electronic copy in PDF to the Library. These two copies must be identical. Both the hardcopy and electronic copy should be accompanied by the following forms:

• Thesis Deposit; and
• Candidate’s instructions regarding availability of thesis.

The Thesis Deposit Form and Candidate’s Instructions Regarding Availability of Thesis form, are outlined on the Library website (http://bond.libguides.com/writing-submitting-a-thesis/submitting). Usually your Faculty RDM will arrange submission of your thesis to the Library.

Faculty colours
Each Faculty has a colour, for the hardcover copies of the candidate’s thesis. These colours are specified below:

• Bond Business School- Black with gold lettering (Buckram # 2011)
• Faculty of Health Sciences and Medicine- navy blue with gold lettering (Buckram # 2014)
• Faculty of Law- maroon with gold lettering (Buckram # 2001)
• Faculty of Society & Design- dark green with gold lettering (Buckram # 2034)

Paper specifications
Thesis must be printed on acid-free archive paper.

Embargo on Thesis
When a candidate submits a Candidate’s instructions regarding availability of thesis form, they can indicate if they require an embargo on their thesis.

A thesis under embargo is withheld from public access (both hardcopy and electronically) and is managed by Library Services.

An embargo period is for a duration of 24 months. If a candidate requires a longer period of embargo, they must make an application before the 24-month expiry date.

If a candidate requires an extension to the embargo, they must apply for permission to BUHDRS before the embargo expiry date. If no request for extension is received, and the expiry date passes, Library Services can automatically publish it online and have the hardcopy publicly available.

A candidate can apply for an extension to the embargo on their thesis for one of the following reasons:

- Contains confidential material;
• Contains culturally sensitive material;
• Research project is subject to a contractual confidentiality clause.

The process for obtaining permission to extend an embargo should be undertaken at least two months before the existing embargo expires. Applications should be lodged with the Secretary of the BUHDRS, who is located with Research Services, or with the Manager of Information Resources.

Requests for embargos are reviewed and approved by BUHDRS. They may approve a full or partial embargo based on the request.

Hard copy of thesis cover: example
Appendix 1

PhD by Published Work

Permissions

a) Where copyright in any publications intended to be presented for examination does not belong to the candidate, the candidate must obtain permission to reproduce the copyright material in the examination portfolio and for a digital copy to be made available in the institutional repository.

b) A list of all copyright permissions obtained from publishers and, where applicable, co-authors must be included in the examination portfolio and the final copies that are deposited in the University Library.

Examination Portfolio

a) During candidature for the Doctor of Philosophy by Published Work, the candidature must prepare an examination portfolio consisting of:
   • A collection of original publications authored solely or primarily by the candidate in the same discipline and of such quantum, scope and quality as is commensurate with doctoral level research; and
   • An integrative exegesis of approximately 20,000 words.

b) While one or more of the publications included in the examination portfolio may be prepared (researched and written) under supervision during the period of candidature, the integrative exegesis must be prepared entirely under supervision during that period.

c) The publications must be in English and be published, in press, or unconditionally accepted for publication prior to the submission of the portfolio for examination.

d) For the purposes of the degree, ‘publication’ includes:
   • Books and monographs;
   • Contributions to books or proceedings;
   • Scholarly articles (typically peer-reviewed articles in research journals); and
   • Work in media other than text such as exhibitions, performances, films, animations, videos or computer programs.

e) The number of publications included in the examination portfolio is ultimately a matter for the professional judgement of the supervision team and the candidate but should generally be of a quantum commensurate with the normal publication rate in the relevant discipline and demonstrate a sustained research effort.

f) If the candidate is not the sole author of one or more of the publications included in the examination portfolio, then they must have been the ‘primary author’. A primary author is one who has contributed greater than 50 per cent of the intellectual content in the relevant publication(s) and who was responsible for the initiation, key ideas, planning, execution and preparation of the work(s) for publication including responding to co-authors’, referees’ and/or editor’s reviews. A candidate may be a primary author even though they are not listed as the first author on the relevant publications.

(g) The integrative exegesis in the examination portfolio must contain:
   • A list of the publications being submitted for examination in chronological order including full citation details and indicating the status of each publication (published, accepted for publication, in press);
• A discrete introduction, general discussion and conclusion that together place the publications presented for examination into the context of an overarching research question or series of interrelated research questions within the relevant discipline, field(s) of study, or area(s) of professional practice, and which unifies those publications in a coherent and cohesive manner;
• A section addressing how the individual publications link to the theories and methodologies adopted;
• A section explaining and evaluating the contribution that the publications in their combined substance make to the advancement of knowledge and understanding in the relevant discipline, field(s) of study, or area(s) of professional practice;
• A detailed statement in the introduction indicating the nature and extent of the candidate’s contribution to any jointly authored publications included in the examination portfolio.
• Details of any relevant additional material (such as raw data, programs, questionnaires and the like) that the candidate considers necessary to augment the publications. These may be included as addenda to the examination portfolio.

Award of Degree
Once the ADR has recommended that the candidate has qualified for the award of the Higher Degree by Research, they will advise the candidate and other appropriate persons that the candidate is eligible to graduate.

Doctoral candidates may use the doctoral title (“Doctor” or “Dr”) after receipt of notification from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student and Academic Support) that the thesis or other examinable material has been passed and the candidate has met all requisite conditions for the award of the degree.

Forms – (Under review for digital forms)
Changing details during candidature
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**Student - Supervisor Agreement**

All HDR candidates must make time with the supervision team to read, discuss and agree on all responses. This form must be completed within the first six weeks of commencement of candidature.

**Change of status: Full-Time and Part-Time Candidature**

HDR students have the option of enrolling on either full-time or part-time basis. A full-time HDR student is expected to commit 40 hours a week to their studies, and part-time students are expected to commit 20 hours per week.

**Off campus study**

All HDR programs are expected to be undertaken on campus. Requests to study off campus require justification and approval and must demonstrate that arrangements will include satisfactory supervision and research facilities. Requests must be submitted to the Faculty ADR. International students should seek advice from the University International Student Officers about visa conditions and implications.

**Change of supervisor(s)**

If, for whatever reason, a supervisor needs to be substituted for another, the ADR and Dean will nominate the new supervisor(s) chosen normally from the Faculty list of registered supervisors. Written application must be made to the Faculty RDM using the Change of Supervisor Form. This form must be signed by the candidate and the existing and potential supervisors. The Faculty RDM will consider the justification outlined and forward its recommendation to the ADR for final approval.

In the event of staff resignation, the ADR will appoint a new supervisor and advise the candidate. After agreeing to the new arrangements, a Change of Supervision Form will be completed and signed by the candidate, new supervisor and the ADR.

**Change of Thesis title**

If the topic approved at the commencement of candidature changes, the candidate must submit a Change of Thesis Title form to the Faculty RDM. The form must be signed by the Principal Supervisor and the ADR before it can be processed.

**Leave of Absence**

Domestic candidates may apply for leave in advance using the Leave of Absence Form. A maximum of 12 months full-time equivalent is allowed for the total candidature, and for any of the following reasons:

- illness with medical certificate;
- parental responsibilities, including pregnancy, child care, and carer leave;
- relocation of place of work or residence; and
- other reasons at the discretion of the ADR.

Leave of Absence should not be used as a mechanism for extending a maximum submission date. In such circumstances, a candidate must apply to extend their maximum period of candidature. An application for leave of absence or special leave of absence will not be approved once a candidate has exceeded their maximum period of candidature.

Normally, leave will not be approved in the first 12 months of candidature (both full-time and part-time), except in exceptional circumstances. Periods of approved leave of absence are not included in the calculation of period of candidature or the candidature end date.

International candidates on student visas are only permitted to apply for leave of absence based on compassionate grounds or for compelling reasons in accordance with Commonwealth legislative requirements.
International HDR students should refer to the University’s Guidelines for International Students.

Candidates in receipt of postgraduate research scholarships must ensure that a request for approval for leave of absence is allowable under the scholarship’s conditions of award.

Change of status: full-time or part-time HDR candidature
Candidate’s seeking to transfer from full-time to part-time candidature, or from part-time to full-time candidature, must first lodge a Change of Status Form. The form must be signed by the Principal Supervisor and the ADR before it can be processed by the Faculty RDM.

Candidates who seek approval to vary their candidature should note that changes to study mode may have important implications in terms of scholarship eligibility or other program specific requirements.

Candidates may elect to study on a full-time or part-time basis except in the following circumstances:
- The candidate is an international student on a student visa determined by Commonwealth legislative requirements;
- A scholarship or other contractual agreement specifies full-time or part-time enrolment.

Extension of candidature
The need to extend beyond the maximum period of candidature must be identified at a regular periodic review. Applications for an extension of the maximum period of candidature will be supported by the Principal Supervisor and the ADR only where the candidate and the supervisor provide strong justification and a detailed outline of strategies to ensure the submission of the thesis within the approved extension period.

The total period of extension will be up to a maximum of 12 months, full-time equivalent. Candidates will need to submit an Extension of Time to Complete Candidature Form.

Approval to travel form
In preparation for travelling away from the campus, you will need to sign and obtain authorisation PRIOR TO requesting travel arrangements.

Mileage/motor vehicle expense claim
Where approval has been given to travel for your project, a motor vehicle expense form can be used to claim mileage costs. Please note it is a condition of travel for your project that comprehensive car insurance is valid for the vehicle you use.

Study away, off-shore study options
The University normally expects both domestic and international students to undertake their research on campus. If you are applying for off-campus or off-shore candidature, prior approval must be obtained from the Faculty ADR and the Chair of Graduate Research. Suitable mechanisms must be put in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the student, and suitable supervision.

Please note that under the ESOS Act, Bond University is not permitted to be a distance education provider to international students.

Bond University may permit an HDR candidate to conduct their research away from the University. Off-campus study may be short-term of more than three months or may involve a candidate who will be predominantly located away from the University.

The candidate and the Principal Supervisor must provide the Faculty ADR with a detailed justification for the request for off-campus study mode. Justification and approval for off-campus study mode must demonstrate that the arrangements will include the same supervisory standards and provisions outlined at a recognised research establishment or place of professional employment normally required under the HDR program.
When considering external or off-shore candidature, consideration needs to be given to the following matters:

- engagement in scholarly activities;
- the HDR research program will be undertaken with assured standards in an appropriate research environment;
- a formal scheme for regular contact between the candidate and the supervision team will be established; and
- the candidate must ensure regular contact with their supervisor will be maintained either in person or using appropriate technology, and that significant contact must take place a minimum of 10 days per academic year;

Where the candidate will be placed with an external establishment, the Principal Supervisor and ADR must be in receipt a letter of support from the external establishment detailing the following:

- the provision of resources available to the candidate for the duration of candidature; and
- arrangements for the collection of research data and their storage, and any ethical matters, in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Research.

External candidates must normally spend a minimum of three months at Bond University during their candidature and must be present for the Confirmation of Candidature.

**Conversion of HDR program enrolment**

In some cases, it may be possible for a Masters by Research candidate to convert to a Doctoral Degree. Application must be submitted to the RDM using the Change of Candidature Form.

Masters by Research candidates must include full supporting justification from the supervisory team regarding the candidate’s progress to date, the scope and suitability of the expanded research topic, and the capacity of the student to achieve doctoral research standards.

Normally, applications to convert candidature must be made within the first year of candidature (full-time equivalent).

International students must seek advice on ESOS or other visa matters before making application for conversion of candidature.

If conversion of candidature is approved the duration studied as a Masters by Research candidate will be deducted from the total maximum allowable full-time period of candidature.

**Intention to submit thesis**

In preparation for the submission of your thesis, it is important that you formally advise the Faculty and your supervision team of the intended submission date. The form includes a section “appointment of examiners” where you can state your objection to the appointment of an individual to examine your thesis.

It is important that this document is submitted at least three months prior to the submission of your thesis, to allow enough time for Faculty to nominate and arrange examiners.

**Nomination of examiners**

The nomination of examiners form is completed by the supervisory team and forwarded to the Faculty for the ADR’s consideration. You are not required to complete any section of this document; it is for your information only.

**Submission of thesis or examinable material**

In preparation for the submission of your thesis, you will need to complete the Submission of thesis or examinable material form.

This form states whether there are any ethical or commercially sensitive restrictions on the content of the thesis.
Thesis Copyright Statement and Deposit form
This form must be submitted with your thesis, as it provides the University with a copyright and authenticity statement

Failure to provide this form may lead to delays with graduation.

Candidate’s instructions regarding availability of thesis
This form should accompany the thesis deposit form, as it provides your instructions on the availability of the thesis.

Withdrawal from candidature
If a candidate decides to withdraw from their study program, they are encouraged to discuss it with their Principal Supervisor and the ADR. The candidate will need to submit a Withdrawal Form Candidature form and submit it to the RDM for processing.

Termination of candidature
The University may terminate candidature on any of the following grounds:

- serious breach of the University Code of Conduct for Research Policy;
- serious breach of academic integrity as described in the University Code of Conduct for Research;
- serious breach of the University Code of Student Conduct;
- failure to adhere to the requirements outlined in the University Policy on Ethics involving Humans or Animals;
- failure to attain minimum milestones as required during each Progress Reporting Stage;
- significant breaches of other University regulations such as Health and Safety;
- significant breaches of government legislation;
- attaining the period of maximum candidature without submission or notification of intent to submit or without approval for an extension of candidature;
- outstanding debt for accumulated University fees;

The termination will be processed by the Faculty RDM and the ADR for submission to the Bond University Higher Degree by Research Subcommittee, who will make a recommendation to the Bond University Research Committee.

Declaration
I have read and understood the contents of this handbook and agree to abide by all Faculty and University regulations, policies and procedures as they relate to my HDR candidature.

Student Name  __________________________________
Signed  __________________________________
Date                            __________________________________

I have discussed the Faculty and University requirements of a Higher Degree Candidature with the above student and agree to fulfil the duties of Primary Supervisor as agreed to in the Student-Supervisor Agreement.

Primary Supervisor Name  __________________________________
Signed  __________________________________
Date                  __________________________________

Please provide a copy of this signed declaration to the Research Development Manager within 6 weeks of enrolment.