



RESEARCH PROPOSAL REVIEW (RPR)

For Doctoral Degrees

Please consult the Higher Degree Research (HDR) Proposal Review Guidelines at:
<https://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/UOW238026.html>

The University RPR Guidelines require the RPR process be undertaken early in the candidature.

For PhD (research only) students: between 1.0 and 1.5 EFTSL (1.0-1.5 years of full-time enrolment or equivalent) of the candidature. PhD Candidates who have made significant progress in their study may apply to their HPS to undertake an RPR after enrolling in the degree for at least 0.5 EFTSL or one session.

For PhD (Integrated) and professional doctorates: between 1.0 and 1.5 EFTSL (1.0-1.5 years of full-time enrolment or equivalent) of the thesis component of the degree. The EFTSL associated with coursework should not be counted when calculating when the RPR should take place.

HDR Candidates are not required to complete an RPR whilst on probation. However, the RPR must be undertaken within 0.5 EFTSL or one session after satisfactory completion of the probation.

Candidature Commencement Date	Date of RPR Review	RPR Review Number
		1 st 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/>

HDR CANDIDATE DETAILS

HDR Candidate name			
Student number		Current EFTSL	
Degree		Coursework Completed	YES <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Faculty		School	

MEMBERS OF THE RPR COMMITTEE

Please refer to Section 5 of the RPR Guidelines.

Principal Supervisor	
Co-supervisor	
Chair	
Other Committee Members	
Student Peer Support	

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

The candidate must demonstrate evidence of working towards the following Course Learning Outcomes for Doctoral Degrees.

	Description
1.	Demonstrate expert, specialised cognitive technical and research skills in a discipline area to independently and systematically generate original knowledge and understanding to make a substantial scholarly contribution to a discipline.
2.	Critically reflect on, synthesise and evaluate a substantial and complex body of knowledge at the frontier of a discipline area.
3.	Communicate research findings, explaining and critiquing theoretical propositions, methodologies, results and conclusions to peers and to the community.
4.	Apply detailed knowledge of research, research integrity, ethics and the rights and safety of others, to plan and execute original research with intellectual independence and with full autonomy, authoritative judgement, adaptability and responsibility for personal outputs.

RESEARCH PRESENTATION

Please refer to Section 6 of the RPR Guidelines.

Title of Thesis			
		YES	NO
The project addresses a significant problem, and is original.	CLO 1, 2, 4		
Research questions and scope are appropriate to the degree.	CLO 1, 2, 4		
The standard of presentation is acceptable.	CLO 3, 4		
Comments:			

RESEARCH PLAN

		YES	NO
Conceptual framework, research design and methods are appropriate to the project.	CLO 1, 2		
The plan is well justified and supported with relevant literature.	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4		
The draft timelines are appropriate and achievable.	CLO 1, 4		
Are there issues with any of the following? (please provide details in the Comments section)			
Ethics <input type="checkbox"/>	Conflict of Interest <input type="checkbox"/>	Intellectual Property <input type="checkbox"/>	Safety <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

LITERATURE REVIEW

Please refer to Section 6 of the RPR Guidelines.

		YES	NO
The candidate has conducted an extensive literature review demonstrating a solid understanding of the research topic.	CLO 1, 2, 4		
The literature review displays an ability to analyse, synthesise and critique relevant literature.	CLO 2, 3, 4		
Comments:			

RESOURCES

Please refer to Section 6 of the RPR Guidelines.

	YES	NO	N/A
Laboratory access is appropriate			
Adequate infrastructure and funding			
Adequate technical support available			
Further training or assistance required (<i>please provide details in the <u>Comments</u> section</i>)			
Comments:			

COMMITTEE QUESTIONS

Please summarise any questions and responses.

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FEASIBILITY

The overall research proposal should be assessed in terms of the feasibility, aims, significance and originality of the research. The scope of the research should be appropriate for the degree. Please provide comments.

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Is the overall research proposal satisfactory?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
If NO, after first review, please provide revised proposal review date [^] (for further information please see Section 8 & 9 of the RPR Guidelines)			
If NO, after second review, please indicate the recommendation below and provide details			
Probation* <input type="checkbox"/>	Change supervisor <input type="checkbox"/>	Transfer to Master of Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	
Discontinuation# <input type="checkbox"/>	Referral to RESH900/901 – Fundamentals for HDR Writing <input type="checkbox"/>		
Other (please specify)			
Comments:			

[^] The Faculty will notify the candidate of the outcome and set the date for representation.

* Once the candidate has been advised by the Graduate Research School (GRS) that they are being placed on probation, a meeting will be held with the candidate, the probationary supervisor and current supervisors. The Probation Milestones Agreement will be completed to define the milestones and timeframes to be achieved by the probation end date. A copy of the agreement will be provided to the candidate, the supervisors and the GRS.

If discontinuation is recommended, please list advanced standing available for possible coursework degree offers.

APPROVAL BY CHAIR OF THE RPR COMMITTEE AND HEAD OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES (HPS)

I confirm the conclusion of the report and verify that the committee members are in agreement with the recommendation.

Committee Chair name			
Committee Chair signature		Date	
HPS name			
HPS signature		Date	

Please note the HPS should provide the student with a signed copy of the RPR report.

APPROVAL BY ASSOCIATE DEAN (HDR)/(RESEARCH)*

*This section should only be completed for reports that are deemed unsatisfactory by the panel.

AD HDR/R name			
AD HDR/R signature		Date	

PLEASE EMAIL A COPY OF THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE GRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOOL
graduate-research-school@uow.edu.au

Version Control and Change History

Version Control	Date Effective	Approved By	Amendment
1	21 February 2013	Dean of Research	Change in delegated authority from Dean of Faculty to Associate Dean, Research
5	9 February 2015	Manager, Graduate Research School	Update terminology and formatting. Clarify RPR timeframe for degrees with coursework.
6	9 September 2015	Manager, Graduate Research School	Update to include referral to RESH and clarify student notification.
7	5 April 2017	Manager, Graduate Research School	Removed section about GRS notifying student if RPR unsatisfactory. This is managed by the Faculty.
8	17 November 2017	Manager, Graduate Research School	Updated according to UOW RPR Guidelines
9	20 November 2017	HDR Project & Compliance Officer, Graduate Research School	Reformatted form.
10	22 April 2019	Associate Dean Graduate Research	Included Course Learning Outcomes.
11	27 April 2022	Director, Graduate Research School	Administrative review - updated terminology and formatting