

## Higher Degree by Research (HDR) (Doctoral) by Compilation or Creative Work for Curtin Staff Policy

### 1. COMPLIANCE OBLIGATION SUPPORTED

[Admission and Enrolment \(Higher Degree by Research\) Rules](#)

### 2. PURPOSE

To outline the standards for Higher Degree by Research (HDR) by Compilation or Creative Work for Curtin Staff Policy.

### 3. POLICY STATEMENT

- 3.1. The University will ensure that processes are in place to ensure that HDR theses:
  - (a.) uphold the fundamental principles of quality and integrity in scholarly work;
  - (b.) make a distinct contribution to the knowledge of a subject area;
  - (c.) are coherent, integrated and original bodies of work; and
  - (d.) are at the appropriate standard for the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) level of the qualification.
- 3.2. The HDR is granted only following an independent assessment of the quality of the research thesis. The assessment will be undertaken by expert examiners with international standing in disciplines relevant to the thesis.
- 3.3. Conflicts of interest, particularly in relation to personal and professional relationships between students, supervisors and examiners will be identified, disclosed and managed in accordance with the University's [Conflict of Interest Procedures](#).
- 3.4. The final decision to award an HDR rests with the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, subject to any appeal rights.
- 3.5. Theses, research data and primary materials will be made available in accordance with the [Authorship, Peer Review and Publication of Research Outputs Policy](#) and the [Research Data and Primary Materials Policy](#).
- 3.6. The Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Excellence will develop and maintain procedures to manage:
  - (a.) the nomination of examiners;
  - (b.) thesis requirements;
  - (c.) thesis examination;
  - (d.) the use of adjudicators in the examination process; and
  - (e.) oral examinations.

### 4. SCOPE OF POLICY

This policy applies to all staff, University Associates and students involved with HDR courses.

### 5. DEFINITIONS

(Note: Commonly defined terms are located in the [Curtin Common Definitions](#). Any defined terms below are specific to this document)

*Nil*

### 6. SUPPORTING PROCEDURES

[Higher Degree by Research \(HDR\) Thesis Examination Procedures](#)

### 7. RELATED DOCUMENTS/LINKS

## Internal

- [Authorship, Peer Review and Publication of Research Outputs Policy](#) and [Procedures](#)
- [Research Data and Primary Materials Policy](#)
- [Conflict of Interest Procedures](#)
- [Register of Delegations](#)

## External

- [Higher Education Support Act 2003 \(Cth\)](#)
- [Higher Education Standards Framework \(Threshold Standards\) 2015 \(Cth\)](#)
- [Education Services for Overseas Students \(ESOS\) Act \(Cth\)](#)

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