Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Supervision Policy

1. STRATEGIC PLAN THEME AND COMPLIANCE OBLIGATION SUPPORTED
   Admission and Enrolment (Higher Degree by Research) Rules
   Strategic Plan Theme: People and Culture

2. PURPOSE
   To ensure that supervisors provide a role model to Higher Degree by Research (HDR) students that is positive and conducive to a research culture of excellence, integrity, professionalism and mutual respect.

3. POLICY STATEMENT
   3.1. Each HDR student is to have an appropriately qualified Thesis Chair, a principal supervisor, and at least one co-supervisor or external co-supervisor.
   3.2. The number of HDR students a supervisor has is to be commensurate with the provision of effective intellectual interaction.
   3.3. Per the Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Admission and Enrolment Policy, the Enrolling School will provide supervision for the duration of the program.
   3.4. The Graduate Research School will maintain the Register of Supervisors.
   3.5. To be appointed as a Thesis Chair or principal supervisor, a person is to be listed as a Level 1 Supervisor. To be appointed as a co-supervisor, a person is to be listed as either a Level 1 or Level 2 Supervisor.
   3.6. The Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Excellence is to develop and maintain procedures to manage:
       (a.) the supervision of HDR students;
       (b.) the Register of Supervisors; and
       (c.) the roles and responsibilities of the Thesis Chair, principal supervisor, co-supervisors, external co-supervisors and external associate supervisors.

4. SCOPE OF POLICY
   This policy applies to all staff, students and HDR supervisors 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)
   Register of Supervisors
   The database that lists individuals eligible to be appointed to supervise an HDR student.

6. SUPPORTING PROCEDURES
   Supervision of Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Students Procedures

7. RELATED DOCUMENTS/LINKS
   Internal
   • Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Admission and Enrolment Policy
   • Research Management Policy
   • Authorship, Peer Review and Publication of Research Findings Policy
   • Research Data and Primary Materials Policy
   • Register of Supervisors
External
- Australian Code for the Conduct of Responsible Research

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