

Policy: Higher degree by research - supervision

Purpose

This policy defines the University's expectations of supervisors and supervisory panels for Higher Degree by Research (HDR).

Definitions

New supervisors are defined as supervisors of ANU HDR candidates who have not previously supervised any HDR student through to completion.

Experienced supervisors are defined as supervisors of ANU HDR candidates who have previously supervised any HDR student through to completion.

Registered supervisors are supervisors who satisfy the requirements described in this Procedure for the supervision of ANU HDR candidates.

Unregistered supervisors are supervisors who do not satisfy the requirements described in this Procedure for the supervision of ANU HDR candidates.

Deregistered supervisors are supervisors who have been determined to be ineligible for the supervision of ANU HDR students.

Overview

ANU is committed to excellence in supervision of HDR candidates. This policy outlines the key principles that govern supervision of higher degree by research candidates.

Scope

This policy applies to all members of supervisory panels involved in the supervision of HDR candidatures, and is to be read in conjunction with the [Research Awards Rule](#).

Policy statement

1. ANU is committed to the highest standards of excellence in supervision of HDR candidates. Underpinning this commitment are the principles of:
 - a. Distinction in research, scholarship and teaching.
 - b. Integrity of all those involved in the supervisory relationship.

- c. Respect between all parties - candidates, supervisors, and staff of the University.
 - d. Commitment to embed candidates within disciplinary and/or thematic communities.
 - e. Joint responsibility with candidates to establish respectful relationships and constructive partnerships.
 - f. Fostering successful outcomes that provide benefits to the candidate, supervisors, the University and society.
 - g. Ongoing enhancement of supervisory practice and student experience.
2. Each HDR candidate receives supervision in the form of a supervisory panel, comprising a Primary Supervisor and Associate Supervisors, and a Chair of Panel either from that group or as an additional member. The panel comprises at least three people for a PhD or professional doctorate and at least two people for an MPhil.
 3. The supervisory panel provides knowledge, expertise, planning, and support for candidates to enhance the student experience and assist them towards successful completion.
 4. Supervisory panel members involved in the supervision of candidates develop their supervisory practice through both formal professional development and informal mechanisms
 5. All members of supervisory panels maintain any supervisory registration requirements of the University.
 6. Supervisory panels have a responsibility to abide by the [Australian Code of Responsible Conduct of Research](#) principles including those relating to Intellectual Property and publication.
 7. Supervisory panels have a responsibility to act within all relevant legislative framework requirements, including the:
 - * [Research Awards Rule](#) (in respect of all candidates);
 - * [Discipline Rule](#);
 - * [Academic Integrity Rule](#); and
 - * [Education Services for Overseas Students Act](#) (in respect of international candidates).

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