

## Higher Degree Research Committee

### Terms of Reference (August 2023)

The Higher Degree Research Committee is a sub-committee of the University Research Committee. It is responsible for the provision of information and advice to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation) and the Dean, Higher Degree Research on matters relating to research training.

Specifically, the role of the Committee is to:

- advise the Chair, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation) and the University Research Committee on all matters relating to the University's Higher Degree Research programs;
- foster excellence in research training by:
  - monitoring the quality and academic standards of research training;
  - evaluating and reporting on matters including supervision, administration, physical infrastructure and facilities, information infrastructure and financing of scholarships and training;
- evaluate recommendations on policy for the strategic development of research training in the context of the University and College strategic plans;
- monitor external developments relating to research training and provide advice to the University Research Committee on appropriate strategic responses; and
- regularly review all rules, policies and procedures related to higher degree research; recommend revision to the University Research Committee and oversee implementation.

### Membership\*

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#### Ex officio members:

Chair: Dean, Higher Degree Research

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation)

Deputy Dean HDR Supervision

Registrar, Student Administration

Director, University Experience

Director, Researcher Development

Associate Dean HDR, ANU College of Health and Medicine

Associate Dean HDR, ANU College of Science

Associate Dean HDR, ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences

Associate Dean HDR, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

Associate Dean HDR, ANU College of Law

Director HDR, ANU College of Business and Economics

Associate Dean HDR, ANU College of Engineering, Computer Science and Cybernetics

ANUSA President

ANUSA HDR Student Representative

**Secretariat:** Executive Officer, Dean Higher Degree Research

\*The Committee will consult other senior officers of the University as required.

#### **Administrative arrangements**

- The Chair will convene and preside at a minimum of four meetings each year.
- Secretariat and other support for the Committee to be provided by the Office of the Dean Higher Degree Research.
- The quorum is half the membership plus one.
- Whenever a member is unable to attend, they may nominate a deputy to attend. The deputy will exercise all rights and privileges of the member.