RMIT Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Association

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Higher Degrees by Research?

• ‘Higher Degrees by Research’ or ‘HDR’ refers to Masters and PhD degrees awarded for research (as opposed to coursework)

  You are an HDR candidate!

• Am I alone?

  No! RMIT has 24 schools within 3 academic Colleges – Business; Design and Social Context; and Science, Engineering & Health

  RMIT has around 1,600 HDR candidates from around the world
How does it fit together?

Universities Council

Vice Chancellor

Academic

Research & Innovation

Dean of Students

Offices

Bus

DSC

SEH

Schools

24 Schools

Colleges & Depts, incl:
How are HDR candidates represented?

- RMIT University
- Student Union
- Postgraduate Department
- Higher Degree by Research Association
- University Council
- Vice-Chancellor
- Academic
- Research & Innovation
- Dean of Students
- SGR
- Bus
- DSC
- SEH
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What is the HDR Association?

- The RMIT HDR Association is a new initiative organised by students to represent and assist all HDR candidates.
- Established in Feb 2013, the HDR Association is affiliated with the RMIT University Student Union (RUSU http://www.rmit.edu.au/students/rusu)
How does the HDR Association work?

• The HDR Association connects candidates and their representatives – across the Schools, Colleges and University – and engages directly with the University and Union to petition, advise and assist where HDR candidate interests are at stake.

• The HDR Association has 3 areas of focus (3C’s):
  • Communication
  • Community
  • Career Development
How can you contact us?

- We are liaising with the University and RUSU to establish communication channels with fellow HDRs, so that we can
  - share information
  - alert you to academic and social support services
  - organise academic and social events

- In the meantime, you can contact us:
  - Facebook [http://www.facebook.com/groups/316593151700569/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/316593151700569/)
  - Email:
    - Adrian.Meade@student.rmit.edu.au (President)
    - Bill.Guzman@rmit.edu.au (Vice-President)
    - Vinita.Godinho@rmit.edu.au (Secretary)
    - Shaahin.Madani@rmit.edu.au (Treasurer)
The Union has organised an evening of speakers – including a recent graduates, an award-winning supervisor, and a representative from SGR – with food and drink provided.

**When:** April 24, 6:00 - 8:30 pm  
**Where:** City Campus, Research Lounge  
Building 8, Level 5 (opposite library)

To register, email: sally.christiansen@rmit.edu.au
How can I become involved?

• The success of the HDR Association depends on your involvement. You can:
  • attend events
  • use the services on offer
  • direct questions / comments / ideas to us

Good luck with your studies!!
Appendix: RMIT University Academic Schools

RMIT delivers its learning and teaching and research through 24 Schools, across three academic Colleges, as below:

Business
- Accounting
- Business IT and Logistics
- Business TAFE
- Economics, Finance and Marketing
- Graduate School of Business and Law
- Management

Design and Social Context
- Architecture and Design
- Art
- Design TAFE
- Education
- Fashion and Textiles
- Global, Urban and Social Studies
- Media and Communication
- Property, Construction and Project Management

Science, Engineering and Health
- Aerospace, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
- Applied Sciences
- Civil, Environmental and Chemical Engineering
- Computer Science and Information Technology
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Engineering TAFE
- Health Sciences
- Life and Physical Sciences
- Mathematical and Geospatial Sciences
- Medical Sciences