Supervising My Research Students

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Supporting a vibrant research culture

The School of Graduate Research (SGR) is a central unit within the Research and Innovation Portfolio dedicated to supporting research students and supervisors.

• Our responsibilities include:
  – Managing applications and (some) scholarships
  – Coordinating examination and graduation
  – Providing professional development for students and supervisors
  – Overseeing policies and procedures
  – Coordinating supervisor registration
  – Collecting and analysing student feedback
  – Managing student records
  – Overseeing quality of supervision and student management

Want to find out more?

www.rmit.edu.au/graduateresearch
Ensuring Quality Supervision

Eligibility requirements exist at RMIT to ensure that Higher Degrees by Research (HDR) candidates have the best possible supervisory experience. Prospective supervisors are required to demonstrate their suitability for the role by meeting a number of criteria and, once registered, to pursue ongoing voluntary professional development.

- Supervisor registration
- Supervisor professional development

Want to find out more?
http://www.rmit.edu.au/research/hdrsupervision
Ensuring Quality Supervision: registration

There are two registration categories:

Category 1 registration:
Lets you act as either primary or second supervisor to the level of your highest degree.

Key eligibility criteria:
• HDR completion(s), or
• successful completion of the HDR supervision course

Category 2 registration:
Lets you act as second supervisors to the level of your highest degree.

All applicants for supervisor registration must:
• Complete the HDR policy and procedures induction, and;
• Demonstrate peer review success in the form of an ERA recognised output in the previous 3 years.

Want to find out more?
www.rmit.edu.au/staff/research/registration
Ensuring Quality Supervision: registration

How do I apply?
Download and complete the registration form and forward to the School of Graduate Research.
Note that the form needs to be signed by your Head of School.

Want to find out more?
www.rmit.edu.au/staff/research/registration
Ensuring Quality Supervision: professional development

Professional development opportunities offered by the School of Graduate Research are intended to enrich your supervisory practice.

- **Supervisors’ Colloquium** is a forum for collegiate discussion on supervision and research education
- **Supervision of Higher Degrees by Research Course** provides prospective and novice supervisors with practical knowledge
- **Supervisor Induction** introduces key HDR policy and procedures

Want to find out more?

www.rmit.edu.au/staff/research/supervisingresearchstudents
Ensuring Quality Supervision: professional development

Supervisors’ Colloquium

A forum for collegiate discussion on supervision and research education. Sessions are led by experienced supervisors from RMIT and beyond and include lunch. All staff are welcome to attend.

Sessions are held on a fortnightly basis during semester on alternating Tuesday’s and Wednesday’s from 12.15 – 2pm in the Research Lounge.

Want to find out more?

• www.rmit.edu.au/staff/research/colloquium2010

• Registered supervisors receive an email notification prior to each session

• Sessions are also advertised through DevelopME: www.rmit.edu.au/staff/professionaldevelopment/research
Ensuring Quality Supervision: professional development

Supervision of higher degrees by research course

Provides prospective and novice supervisors with practical knowledge regarding HDR supervision that can be used to inform and enhance supervisory practice. Completion of the course meets one of the requirements for supervisor registration.

How to do the course

• The course is offered in second semester 2011 and can be undertaken formally, for an accreditation, or informally for supervisor registration purposes only.

• **Formal mode**: the course is available as an elective in the Graduate Certificate in Tertiary Teaching and Learning or as a single course with RMIT Training.

• **Informal mode**: completion of the course in this mode will be recognized for the purposes of supervisor registration and you will receive a certificate of completion from the School of Graduate Research.

Want to find out more?

www.rmit.edu.au/staff/research/profdevelopment
Ensuring Quality Supervision: professional development

Higher Degree by Research supervisor induction

An induction has been compiled for new supervisors to provide a brief introduction to the key policy and procedures related to HDR at RMIT. Completion of the induction meets one of the requirements for supervisor registration.

Want to find out more?

www.rmit.edu.au/staff/research/supervisorinduction