HDR Induction

Code of Conduct

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Some tips ....

- Be your own project manager. “Push” the project
- Establish a professional relationship with your supervisor(s). Agree on a meetings schedule, etc.
- Working from home or on campus?
- Interact with your fellow postgraduate students. Discuss your projects and share ideas.
- Research is a journey of discovery and it is usually not a smooth journey. There may be setbacks and disappointments, but don’t be deterred by them.
- If you encounter personal problems that affect your research progress, discuss this with your supervisor. There are measures to help you, such as part-time enrolment or leave of absence. Identifying problems early makes it easier to find solutions.
Some more tips ....

• Prepare your progress reports can discuss them with your supervisor.
• Make a habit of documenting what you do. This will help in the write up of your thesis.
• Think about publishing your work as a conference paper or journal article (see next presentation). A good way of getting feedback along the way.
• Attending workshops or conferences on your topic is an excellent way to meet researchers in your field.
• The confirmation of candidature and completion seminar are important milestones. Prepare well for them.
• Your supervisor does not decide on pass or fail of your thesis. Your thesis will be reviewed by external examiners who provide an examination report and a recommendation to RMIT University.
• The supervisor decides when the thesis is ready to be submitted for examination.
• Writing a good thesis takes more time than you think. Don’t wait to the last minute.
Some final tips ....

- Give the supervisor sufficient time to review your thesis and provide feedback.
- Observe RMIT’s policies on plagiarism. Use Turnitin (www.turnitin.com) to make sure you are “clean”.
- The supervisor nominates examiners.
- Examiners are given about 2 months to prepare their reports, but this can take longer due to various circumstances. While the thesis is being examined you are on “submitted” status.
- All examiners reports go to the University and you will be notified of the decision after all reports have been received.
- It is not unusual that examiners recommend amendments before passing the thesis. You will receive a copies of examiners reports so you can make the recommended changes.
- Once the changes have been made, the supervisor submits the final archival copy on CD.

Congratulations!