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# **PROGRAM REGULATIONS RESEARCH OFFICE**

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**  
PhD

**PROGRAM CODES: 6600, 6102, 6201, 6302,  
6303, 6400, 6900, 6800, 6502 & 6002**

THESE PROGRAM REGULATIONS ARE EFFECTIVE FROM 1.1.2018

## RESEARCH OFFICE

1. These Program Regulations apply to all students who are enrolled in this Award on the Broome, Fremantle and Sydney Campuses.
2. The Pro Vice Chancellor-Research is the responsible Executive of these Program Regulations.
3. The contact officer for this document is Director, Research Office.

## MODIFICATION HISTORY

1. These Program Regulations are effective from 1 January 2018.

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## **1 INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION**

### **1.1 Introduction**

These Program Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the Doctor of Philosophy Award at The University of Notre Dame Australia.

These Regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's General Regulations and the Research Degree Regulations.

### **1.2 Interpretation**

The terms included in these Regulations have the meanings as defined in the University's General Regulations and the Research Degree Regulations.

### **1.3 Amendments made to Program Regulations**

Unless otherwise specified, when amendments are made to the structure, content or academic requirements of the Doctor of Philosophy Award, the amendments will automatically apply in accordance with General Regulation Section 1.7.

### **1.4 Applicability to Campuses of the University**

The Doctor of Philosophy Award is available on the Broome, Fremantle and Sydney Campuses.

### **1.5 The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)**

The Doctor of Philosophy Award is a level 10 AQF qualification.

## **2 ENTRY CRITERIA**

### **2.1 General Criteria**

The standard entry requirements for admission are detailed in the University's General Regulations and the Research Degree Regulations.

### **2.2 Additional Entry Requirements / Pre-Requisites**

**2.2.1** The Pro Vice Chancellor-Research, on the advice of the Dean of the School, determines admission to the Doctor of Philosophy Award.

**2.2.2** Applicants to the Doctor of Philosophy Award are expected to satisfy the following criteria:

2.2.2.1 Possession of a research Masters appropriate to the professional field of the applicant; or

2.2.2.2 Possession of a Bachelor's degree with Honours (typically 1st Class or Class 2A Honours level or equivalent); or

2.2.2.3 In exceptional circumstances, an equivalent academic or professional background that is considered by the Dean of the School to be an appropriate preparation for independent study and research work at Doctoral level.

### **2.3 External Accreditation Requirements**

External accreditation requirements are not applicable to this Award.

### 3 AWARD REQUIREMENTS

#### 3.1 Structure

For the Doctor of Philosophy Award Structure, refer to Appendix A.

##### 3.1.1 Compulsory Courses

Supervised Research Courses which are discipline-appropriate and in accordance with enrolment load.

##### 3.1.2 Elective Courses

There are no Electives within this Award.

##### 3.1.3 Majors and Double Majors

There are no Majors or Double Majors available in this Award.

##### 3.1.4 Minors

There are no Minors available in this Award.

##### 3.1.5 Specialisations

There are no Specialisations permitted in this Award.

##### 3.1.6 Special Interest Courses

Special Interest Courses are not applicable to this Award.

#### 3.2 Special Award Requirements

There are no special award requirements in the Doctor of Philosophy

#### 3.3 Practicum or Internship requirements

There are no Practicum or Internship requirements in this Award.

#### 3.4 Approved course substitutions

There are no approved course substitutions permitted in this Award.

#### 3.5 Alternative Pathways

Alternative Pathways are not available for this Award.

#### 3.6 Volume of Learning

##### 3.6.1 Standard Duration

(a) The standard duration for the Doctor of Philosophy Award is 3 years of equivalent full-time study.

(b) A student is able to enrol in this Award on a part-time basis. The minimum enrolment load permitted is 0.5 FTE in any given semester.

##### 3.6.2 Accelerated Duration

An accelerated mode is not available for the Doctor of Philosophy Award.

##### 3.6.3 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Doctor of Philosophy Award is detailed in the University's General Regulations.

### **3.7 Concurrent Study**

A student may, on the determination of the Pro Vice Chancellor-Research after consultation with the Dean and the Supervisor/s, be required to undertake concurrent courses relevant to the acquisition of required research knowledge and skills.

### **3.8 Thesis**

The thesis component is an original, systematic and advanced level investigation into a significant question, problem or phenomenon. The thesis topic must be a substantial and original contribution to knowledge.

### **3.9 Graduation**

Where a student has satisfied all the requirements of the Doctor of Philosophy Award as detailed in these Program Regulations and the General Regulations, the University may grant the student graduation status.

### **3.10 Exit Awards**

An Exit Award pathway is not available for this Award.

### **3.11 Honours**

The Doctor of Philosophy is not offered with Honours.

**END OF REGULATIONS**



**APPENDIX A: Indicative Award Structure: Doctor of Philosophy**

YEAR ONE					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Number	Course Title	Units of Credit	Course Number	Course Title	Units of Credit
RSCHXXXX	Supervised Research	100	RSCHXXXX	Supervised Research	100
<b>Units of Credit Total for Y1 S1</b>		100	<b>Units of Credit Total for Y1 S2</b>		100
<b>Total Units of Credit Year One</b>					<b>200</b>

YEAR TWO					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Number	Course Title	Units of Credit	Course Number	Course Title	Units of Credit
RSCHXXXX	Supervised Research	100	RSCHXXXX	Supervised Research	100
<b>Units of Credit Total for Y2 S1</b>		100	<b>Units of Credit Total for Y2 S2</b>		100
<b>Total Units of Credit Year Two</b>					<b>200</b>

YEAR THREE					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Number	Course Title	Units of Credit	Course Number	Course Title	Units of Credit
RSCHXXXX	Supervised Research	100	RSCHXXXX	Supervised Research	100
<b>Units of Credit Total for Y3 S1</b>		100	<b>Units of Credit Total for Y3 S2</b>		100
<b>Total Units of Credit Year Three</b>					<b>200</b>
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT:</b>					<b>600</b>