

La Trobe University

Academic Board

Research and Graduate Studies Committee

HIGHER DOCTORATES COMMITTEE

Establishment

The Committee was established by Academic Board in May 2016 (min. ref 847.3.5, AB16/49(M)) as a sub-committee of Research and Graduate Studies Committee. The responsibilities were transferred from the Board of Graduate Research.

Membership

Composition	Member	Appointment status
A Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Training)	Professor Dan Bendrups	Ex-Officio
B Deputy Chair, Research and Graduate Studies Committee	Professor Daswin De Silva	Ex-Officio
C Associate Dean (Research and Industry Engagement)	According to the discipline of the applicant	Ex-Officio
D Two professors appointed by the Chair	Co-opted as required	Co-Opted

Term of office

The co-opted members hold office for the duration of the application, admission, examination and award of single candidates where available. If no longer available, a new co-opted member (s) will be appointed by the Chair.

Role/Terms of Reference

Purpose

To consider and advise the Research and Graduate Studies Committee on matters in relation to the admission and examination for higher doctorate degrees.

Terms of Reference

1. To provide advice and recommendations regarding the Higher Doctorate Policy.
2. Acting in accordance with the Higher Doctorate Policy:
 - a. to consider applications for the degree of higher doctorate and make recommendations for admission to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation).
 - b. to appoint examiners for successful applicants.

- c. to review examiners' reports and make recommendations concerning the award of degree to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation).

Reporting

To the Research and Graduate Studies Committee, for referral to the Academic Board, following the examination outcome of candidates.

Quorum

Three members including the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Training) and the Deputy Chair, Research and Graduate Studies Committee form a quorum.

Frequency of meetings

On an as-required basis

Secretariat

Program Manager, Graduate Research, Graduate Research School

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