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The Policy

1. Availability of HDR Theses by Publication Option
   Upon confirmation of candidature in a PhD program, candidates must specify the mode by which they plan to present their theses. One option is to submit a series of publications as their examinable work. Submission of a thesis as a series of papers is available only for the PhD and the work must be accomplished during the period of enrolment.

2. Thesis Requirements
   Requirements for submission of thesis as a series of publications are:
   a. Overarching Statement - the overarching statement serves as to introduce and link the assessable work. It refers to the research papers and explains the research elements in terms of: their temporal sequence and interdependence; their explication of the candidate’s research questions; and their contribution to the field of scholarship. It should be at least 10,000 words, or as advised by the supervisory panel.
   b. Four research papers that have been peer reviewed, that are accepted, in print or published in peer reviewed publications. Each paper will have a designated scholarly outlet in a refereed journal, or as a book chapter in an edited academic volume.
   c. Where there are multiple authors, the candidate will normally be the first author.
   d. The work must be conducted and completed during the period of enrolment.

3. Examination of Thesis as a Series of Papers
   The examiners are asked to make a global judgment about the scope and quality of the work contained within the portfolio and to indicate the extent to which its cumulative nature warrants a doctoral award. The work should meet the criteria for any PhD thesis, namely:
   - the thesis as a whole makes an original contribution to the knowledge of the subject with which it deals;
   - the thesis provides a sufficiently comprehensive study of the topic appropriate to the degree in the discipline area/s;
   - the methods adopted are appropriate to the subject matter and are appropriately applied;
   - the research findings are suitably set out, accompanied by adequate exposition and are discussed critically in the context of the discipline; and
   - the quality of English and general presentation is satisfactory.

4. Other
   For all other matters of policy regarding the examination of higher degree theses see PO-RES-05 Policy for the Examination of HDR Theses.
References Consulted