

Higher Doctorate Degrees

These Program Rules should be read in conjunction with the University's policies (<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/policies>).

The General Higher Doctorate Academic Program Rules shall apply to the following Higher Doctorate programs at the University of Adelaide. The following Higher Doctorate degrees have no Specific Academic Program Rules and therefore are bound entirely by the General Higher Doctorate Program Rules:

Doctor of Health Sciences

Doctor of Dental Science

Doctor of Engineering

Doctor of Letters

Doctor of Music

Doctor of Laws

Doctor of Science

The Higher Doctorate awards are the highest of academic awards offered by the University and are awarded to candidates who are eminent in their respective field.

1 General Higher Doctorate Rules

All candidates must comply with the General Academic Program Rules and are advised to refer to them to gain an understanding of the procedures and requirements of the Higher Doctorate awards.

2 Rules

The Research Education and Development Committee may from time to time approve guidelines on any matters included in these rules and may authorise the Dean of Graduate Studies or the Director of Adelaide Graduate Centre, to act in accordance with such guidelines without reference to the Committee in each case. Notwithstanding this, Faculties may develop their own specific guidelines as permitted within the framework of these rules.

Academic standing

- 3 The Faculty shall only accept a candidate for a higher doctorate degree if it is satisfied that the submission represents a contribution of distinguished merit.
- 4 Candidates for a higher doctorate shall normally hold a Degree of the University of Adelaide and a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Adelaide or another institution.
- 5 Notwithstanding Rule 4 Faculties may accept candidates who have qualified for a degree of another university or institution of higher education recognised by the University of Adelaide, and have a substantial demonstrable association with the research of the University.
- 6 No person shall be admitted to a higher doctorate degree before the expiration of at least five years after admission to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy or eight years after admission to a Bachelor or Master degree.

Application

- 7 A person who desires to become a candidate for the degree shall give notice of the intended candidature in writing to the Dean of Graduate Studies, Adelaide Graduate Centre.

At the same time and in a separate statement, the applicant shall furnish the following:

- a a detailed curriculum vitae
- b academic transcripts and parchments
- c a statement supporting the applicant's claim for the award of the degree
- d a statement detailing the applicant's past or current affiliation with the University of Adelaide
- e a statement declaring that none of the work has formed part or all of an award for another degree
and
- f a list of publications/creative works/recordings to be included in the submission.

Copies of publications, creative works or recordings relevant to the application may be requested by the Faculty.

- 8 The Dean of Graduate Studies, Adelaide Graduate Centre will forward the application to the relevant Faculty for consideration.

Consideration of applications

- 9 The Faculty shall appoint a panel consisting of at least three senior academic members of the University who have an understanding of the applicant's field of research. The Executive Dean of the Faculty shall nominate one member of the panel to act as Convenor.

- 10 Where candidates apply to a Faculty outside of their current discipline, the panel must include representative(s) of the discipline area appointed in consultation with the appropriate Executive Dean.

- 11 The panel shall investigate the information provided, including the quality and nature of the submission for examination and recommend that the Faculty:

- a allow the applicant to proceed, and approve the subject or subjects of the work to be submitted
- b advise the applicant not to submit the work in its current form

or

- c not allow the applicant to proceed.

In the case of (a) or (b) the assessment panel will determine which documentation or publications/works may be included or excluded from the final submission.

12 Notification of assessment of application and intention to submit

The Adelaide Graduate Centre, on behalf of the Dean of Graduate Studies, will advise the candidate of the Faculty's decision and request the candidate forward written notification of intention to proceed with the submission.

13 Appointment of examiners

On receipt of the candidate's written notification of intention to proceed, the Faculty shall nominate three external examiners, all of whom will be eminent in the field of the submitted work and active in research.

Submission

- 14 Candidates shall supply three bound copies of the submission which shall contain a declaration of originality, an introduction addressing the nature and significance of the work and a conclusion.

- 15 Loose collections of previously published works will not be accepted.

Examination

- 16 a The degree will be awarded entirely on consideration of such published works, creative works or recordings as the candidate may submit for examination.

- b To qualify for the degree the candidate shall furnish satisfactory evidence that he/she has made an original contribution of distinguished merit to the Discipline.

- 17 Examiners will be requested to report on the submission and recommend whether the candidate:

- a should be awarded the degree
- b should not be awarded the degree.

Examination result

- 18 Recommendations of the examiners to award the degree must be unanimous or the degree will not be awarded.

- 19 The reports of all examiners will be forwarded to the Faculty for ratification of the decision to admit or not admit the candidate to the degree and the Dean of Graduate Studies, Adelaide Graduate Centre will notify the candidate of the Faculty's decision.

- 20 A submission may not be presented for re-examination.

21 Deposit of submission in the library

Such number of copies of the submission and any other material on which the degree is awarded shall be deposited in the Barr Smith Library or elsewhere in the University as determined by the Research Education and Development Committee. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, the copies shall be made available for loan and photocopy.

22 Graduation

Subject to Chapter 89 of the Statutes, candidates who have satisfied the requirements for any award of the University shall be admitted to that award.

23 General

When, in the opinion of the Research Education and Development Committee, special circumstances exist, the Committee, on the recommendation of the relevant School/Discipline in each case, may vary any of the provisions in Rule 1-22 above.