**University of Adelaide – Ingkarni Wardli HDR Student Hub FAQs**

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**Why is this project taking place?**

The SET Faculty has identified the need for an updated and expanded HDR Student Hub in this precinct and funding was allocated to scope, design and construct it. It is being planned and developed by Infrastructure with the support of the Faculty of SET.

**What is the purpose of this pilot project?**

This is a trial project, and an opportunity for the University to work with students and staff to develop a contemporary, flexible workspace for HDR students that will be user friendly, safe, accessible, equitable and inviting and will be supported by collaborative technology. This will be a place where students will be able to conduct research, collaborate, socialise and linger.

**Will this type of HDR Hub be rolled out across the whole University?**

No. There may be elements that are suitable to bring into future HDR hub upgrades, but the University understands well that the needs of HDR students are very diverse. Even students within SET may require different facilities and services and there will not be a ‘one size fits all’ approach to this type of space.

**Where is the proposed new Hub space?**

Level 2, Ingkarni Wardli building, North Terrace Campus.

**Who will use the new HDR Hub?**

This Hub is intended for HDR students from the SET Faculty. Schools and HDR supervisors will establish principles as to which students or student groups will be offered the opportunity to use the space

**Will this Hub be full of ‘hot desks’?**

The aim of this project is to provide a dedicated HDR space that offers a range of different seating, studying, collaboration and working options. The extent of fixed ‘owned’ desks, versus shared desks that are available for a larger group of students to use has not been defined. SET Faculty staff and the Infrastructure Project team are working together to understand the needs of HDRs in SET who may use this Hub and how the design can meet those needs.

**How have students and supervisors been consulted so far?**

An original survey conducted in 2021 across all HDR students and their supervisors provided the University with background information on overall HDR requirements and their Supervisor’s perspectives on what is needed.

As part of this project specifically, three workshops have been held with SET representatives including HDR students and supervisors. This is assisting the architects to develop preliminary layout options.

A survey has also been sent to all SET HDR students, to gather more information about what they would like to see included. This survey closed Friday October 21, 2022.

The results of this survey (260 responses) are being reviewed now and will be fed into the project planning and design.

It’s important to clarify that the project is in its early stages, having begun in 25/8/2022.

**Why are we considering flexible work space?**

Currently almost all HDR students have dedicated workspaces, but there are some that don’t, or who move between locations and campuses as their work requires it. One example is students who generally work at Waite or Roseworthy and need to spend time at North Terrace during their candidature

**How will HDR students know about the Hub progress and availability?**

HDR students will receive information from the Faculty, Schools and Supervisors as the project progresses.