

HDR Advisor Update May/June 2020

HDR Advisor Check-In

We know you are busy, but if you can take time out to complete an Advisor Check –In we would appreciate your advice. Only complete it for HDR Candidates who, based on current progress and unanticipated impacts of the pandemic, may require a Scholarship Extension and/or will not be eligible to graduate within 2 years full-time if they are enrolled in a Masters by Research or 4 years full-time if they are enrolled in a PhD. This information will assist us to anticipate additional scholarship expenses and potential reductions in completion rates. While we know the situation remains volatile, this advice will assist us in making preliminary recommendations to the University.

Early Career Researcher Advisor Network

A JCU ECR Advisor network has been established. Join every 6 weeks via Zoom to meet other ECRs and discuss topics of shared interest. If you are a current academic staff member, have completed your PhD or are currently under thesis examination you may find this a useful way to start to learn about how to include the role of Advising in your ECR career planning. Look out for email invitations. If you would like to be part of the Program Committee that schedules events and selects topics please email to nominate.

HDR Advisor Teams in Microsoft

A Teams site has been created in Microsoft for HDR Advisors to share practice and resources and explore issues. If you are a current Advisor, or are in the process of getting advisor registration, please consider joining the Team. (Email to request access to the Team)

HDR Advisor Organisation in LearnJCU

The HDR Advisor Organisation has now moved to Ultra. If you have any issues accessing it please email for advice. The site continues to contain the online modules required to meet Advisor Registration. New features include videos from past events and resources for running advisor workshops.

HDR Advisor Website

The HDR Advisor Website has been updated to the new JCU Template. Special thanks to the Advisor user group who helped us develop the structure for the site. We hope you find it easy to use and navigate. Thanks for taking a minute to visit and have a look around. Your feedback and suggestions for further improvement are welcome. [<https://www.jcu.edu.au/graduate-research-school/advisors>]

HDR Advisor Professional Development Booklets

The HDR Advisor Professional Development booklet for Semester 1 and the preliminary booklet for Semester 2 2020 are available now. If you have any suggestions for presenters or topics or events we would welcome your input.

HDR Advisor Library Guide

The Advisor Library Guide is designed to assist you to find information about their role and the scholarship of supervision, and support your scholarly engagement with advisory practices. It includes useful links to academic articles, blogs, reports and more to reveal good practices and encourage you to include research education in your profile as an academic researcher and writer. The Guide has recently been updated to include additional resources, most recently those about HDR candidate wellness and well-being. We welcome your contributions also.

HDR Candidature Check-In

Thank you for encouraging your HDR Candidates to participate in the Check-In earlier this year. The feedback has now been provided to the Australian Council of Graduate Research to support them in lobbying the Federal Government to meet the needs of HDR Candidates and the sector. The results of the Check-In led to increased attention to professional development for Candidates and Advisors and more targeted messaging about available services and resources. View the report for further details.