

Research seminars



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Research and Professional Doctorate Degree Regulations (See ACU Research webpage For Research Students)

- Go to Research Training Modules, on the ACU Research web page. Find the module:
- *Conceptualizing research, preparing a literature review and writing a proposal.*
- See the outline of a research proposal given in this module.
- <http://blackboard.acu.edu.au/webct/cobaltMainFrame.dowebct>

The Confirmation of Candidature seminar (Doctoral)



- As the basis for confirmation of candidature, all **Doctoral** candidates shall attend postgraduate seminars in their respective School/Faculty/Campus, as appropriate, **and present a formal thesis proposal at a research seminar within the first twelve (12) months of full-time thesis candidature, or part-time equivalent.**

Confirmation of candidature (Masters)



- As the basis for continuation of candidature, all **Master's** level candidates shall attend postgraduate seminars in their respective School/Faculty/Campus, as appropriate, **and present a formal thesis proposal at a research seminar by the end of the first semester of full-time enrolment (or second semester of part-time enrolment) in the thesis unit.**
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The Confirmation seminar (Doctoral)



- In the formal Doctoral thesis proposal, candidates must present:
- (a) their intended area of research;
- (b) clearly defined and described aims and purposes of the study and the identification and elaboration of the problems and/or hypotheses being investigated;
- (c) the results of their literature review;
- (d) the proposed research design and methodology and the rationale for their selection, including potential ethical issues;
- (e) intended data sources; and
- (f) timelines for completing the degree within the period of candidature.

The Confirmation seminar (Masters)



- In the formal Master's thesis proposal, candidates must present:
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 - (a) their intended area of research;
 - (b) clearly defined and described aims and purposes of the study and the identification and elaboration of the problems and/or hypotheses being investigated;
 - (c) the result of their literature review;
 - (d) the proposed research design and methodology and the rationale for their selection, including potential ethical issues;
 - (e) intended data sources; and
 - (f) timelines for completing the degree within the period of candidature

At the conclusion of the Confirmation seminar



- The Principal Supervisor via the Head of School and Associate Dean shall advise the RTSC on the result of the Doctoral proposal seminar and shall recommend to that RTSC Committee whether Doctoral candidature is to be confirmed or the candidate is to be required to re-present their Doctoral thesis proposal seminar within three months.
- When the Associate Dean and/or RTSC is satisfied that the candidate has met the requirements for the initial Doctoral seminar, the candidate will be permitted to proceed

Work in progress seminars



- After approval of the thesis proposal by the RTSC, Doctoral candidates will be expected to present within the School/Faculty **annual Doctoral level work-in-progress seminars arranged by the Principal Supervisor.**
- All Doctoral candidates shall participate actively in research seminars and shall present an update on their research at these seminars.

Final seminar



- A final seminar is to be scheduled to occur at the stage when the candidate will be able to define and defend the major results and conclusions emerging from the research. This seminar will usually take place when the candidate is about to provide the required three months advance **Notice of Intention to submit a thesis for examination.**