

RESEARCH HIGHER DEGREES COMMITTEE	
Reporting To	Academic Board
Contact	Mr Gary Johnson, Coordinator, Research Higher Degrees Unit, Division of Research & Research Training (3365 2708)
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Sub-Committees	
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Terms of Reference	
<p>The Research Higher Degrees Committee is responsible for the provision of advice to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) and the Director of the Graduate School on policies and practices for research higher degree programs (PhD and MPhil) and higher doctorates. The Committee consults other senior officers of the University as required.</p> <p>Specifically, the role of the Committee is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to advise the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) and the Board on research higher degree studies; 2. to formulate recommendations on policy for the strategic development of research higher studies in the context of the University's strategic plan; 3. to promote and maintain a standard of excellence in research higher degrees; 4. to promote and foster research higher degree study; 5. to advise the Academic Board on proposals for changes in policy and rules governing research higher degree programs, including equity issues; 6. to recommend to the Academic Board policies and procedures for awarding research higher degree scholarships; and 7. to advise the Academic Board on matters relating to admission, monitoring and support of international research higher degree students. 	
Composition	
<i>Ex officio</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean, Graduate School (Chairperson) • Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) • President, Academic Board (or nominee) • University Librarian and Director of Learning Services (or nominee) 	
<i>Other Members</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One representative from each faculty, appointed annually by the Executive Dean • One representative from each institute that directly enrolls research higher degree students, appointed annually by the Director of the Institute • One representative of research higher degree students, appointed by the Postgraduate Students' Area Committee 	
<i>Observers:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominee of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International) • Representative, Queensland Institute of Medical Research • Education and Postgraduate Advocate, University of Queensland Union • Representative of TEDI nominated by the Graduate School • Deputy Director, Research and Research Training Division 	
Administrative Arrangements	
An alternate is required for each of the faculty, institute, and research higher degree student representatives.	
Quorum	50% of voting membership plus one
Notes	