**Doctor of Veterinary Clinical Science**

1 **Definitions**

(1) For the purposes of applying PPL 3.40.10b *Program Rules and Requirements - Procedures*, a reference to student is to be read as candidate;

(2) In these rules —

*dean* means the dean of the graduate school;

*head of school* means the academic staff member responsible for leadership of the teaching, research and administration in the School of Veterinary Science.

2 **Entry requirements**

(1) Before applying for admission an applicant must—

(a) discuss the proposed program with the head of school; and

(b) if required by the head of school, attend an interview.

(2) To be admitted as a candidate, the applicant must—

(a) hold an approved degree in veterinary science with honours class IIA or equivalent; and

(b) have completed 2 years of graduate clinical experience; and

(c) be eligible for registration with the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Queensland; and

(d) satisfy the head of school and dean that the applicant is qualified for admission.

3 **Approval of admission**

The dean must—

(a) appoint a supervisor; and

(b) set the date of registration as a candidate; and

(c) set any special conditions.

4 **Program of study and research**

(1) To complete the program, a candidate must complete 56 units from the DVClinSc course list, comprising—

(a) 18 units from part A; and

(b) 38 units from part B, comprising a research thesis of 50-55,000 words.

(2) In addition to the requirements of rule 4(1), a candidate must—

(a) unless otherwise approved by the dean, pursue the program without interruption from the first enrolment date to the completion of all program requirements; and

(b) for the duration of enrolment in the program, be registered with the Queensland Veterinary Surgeons Board.

5 **Thesis milestones**

A candidate must achieve thesis milestones. The expected timeframe is—

(1) Research Quarter 1 commencement—

(a) Confirmation to occur in Research Quarter 4, Year 1 (1 October to 31 December); and

(b) Mid-candidature Review to occur in Research Quarter 4, Year 2 (1 October to 31 December); and

(c) Thesis Review to occur in Research Quarter 1, Year 4 (1 January to 31 March); and

(d) Thesis submission to occur in Research Quarter 2, Year 4 (1 April to 30 June).

(2) Research Quarter 3 commencement—

(a) Confirmation to occur in Research Quarter 2, Year 1 (1 April to 30 June); and
(b) Mid-candidature Review to occur in Research Quarter 2, Year 2 (1 April to 30 June); and
(c) Thesis Review to occur in Research Quarter 3, Year 4 (1 July to 30 September); and
(d) Thesis submission to occur in Research Quarter 4, Year 4 (1 April to 30 June).

(3) Milestones should be completed within the nominated Research Quarter. No extensions will be granted to milestones except in the case of approved interruption to program enrolment.

6 Termination of enrolment

(1) The dean may terminate a candidate’s enrolment at any time if the dean decides that the candidate has not—
   (a) made satisfactory progress with the work after receiving sufficient notice of and guidance about unsatisfactory progress and how to remedy it; or
   (b) complied with a reasonable direction of the advisor, head of school or dean; or
   (c) complied with a condition of enrolment set by the Dean; or
   (d) ensured that no milestone or submission is overdue; or
   (e) lodged a candidature request required under UQ policies and procedures; or
   (f) met financial obligations to the University; or
   (g) ensured that all information supplied in association with the enrolment, including information provided in the application for admission, is complete and accurate.

(2) A candidate whose enrolment has been terminated cannot apply for re-admission to the same research project at a future date, and cannot receive a reduction in the minimum time in accordance with GAR 4.8 Progress of study and research on the basis of work completed in the terminated research project.