



**2026 Sciences
Higher Degree
Candidature
Guide**

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This guide is intended to complement the information provided by your School and Supervisory Team. It is important to recognise that each School within Griffith Sciences has different processes in place for Higher Degree Research (HDR) candidates. Candidates are strongly encouraged to contact their Supervisory Team as the first point of reference for guidance and clarification regarding School-specific processes and available resources.

This approach ensures that queries are addressed efficiently and that candidates receive advice tailored to their program and School requirements.

Who do I talk to?

| Your School | What you'll find here |
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| School of Engineering and Built Environment (EBE) | General HDR enquiries ebe-admin@griffith.edu.au |
| | EBE Candidate Hub |
| School of Environment and Science (ESC) | General HDR Enquiries esc-admin@griffith.edu.au |
| | ESC Candidate Hub |
| School of Information & Communication Technology (ICT) | General HDR Enquiries ict-admin@griffith.edu.au |
| | ICT Candidate Hub |
| Your HDR Director | |
| HDR Director | Associate Professor Milton Kiefel |
| Griffith Graduate Research School | |
| Griffith Graduate Research School (GGRS) | For questions about HDR admission, candidature, scholarships, orientation, or workshops, contact GGRS. hdr-enquiry@griffith.edu.au |

Getting started and orientation

| Area | What you'll find here |
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| HDR Orientation | Complete your "My Orientation" at Griffith University |
| | Complete Compulsory Orientation Training |
| | Complete compulsory Research Integrity Foundations training |
| | Complete compulsory Secure Engagement with International Parties training |
| | Complete the recommended Orientation Activities |
| | Complete your School's Discipline Specific Orientation (if applicable) |
| | Consider the Extended Orientation Program |
| Health, Safety & Wellbeing | Health & Safety Induction |

Your Support Network

| Area | What you'll find here |
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| Candidate support | HDR Convenors |
| | Dealing with issues during candidature |
| | Progress support plan |
| | HDR Advocates and representatives |
| | Review appeals |
| | English help |
| | Digital solutions |
| | Student Associations |
| | Newsletters |

Milestones and Progress

| Area | What you'll find here |
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| <p>Griffith Graduate Research School</p> | <p>Milestones and requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Milestones ○ Publishing during candidature ○ Course specific requirements ○ Study Load ○ Employment ○ Study location ○ Duration of candidature ○ Unsatisfactory progress |
| | <p>Preparing your thesis</p> |
| | <p>Thesis submission and examination</p> |
| | <p>Making changes to candidature including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applying for leave and study away ○ Supervision changes ○ Extension ○ Changes to topic ○ Scholarship extensions ○ Change of study load ○ Remote candidature ○ Element transfer ○ Concurrent enrolment ○ Program changes and withdrawal from candidature |
| | <p>Request an official letter</p> |
| | <p>Conducting Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Academic and Research integrity ○ Intellectual property and copyright ○ eResearch Support ○ Physical facilities and financial assistance (research allowance) ○ Ethics ○ Health and safety ○ Branding resources |
| | <p>Progress Support Plan (additional structured support if progress is at risk)</p> |

Professional and Career Development

| Area | What you'll find here |
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| Professional Development (Presented by the Research Capability Development Hub) | Upcoming Live Offerings and Self-paced Online Offerings including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Networking events ○ Writing Retreats and Power Writing ○ Managing Milestones ○ From Surviving to Thriving ○ Publishing during your PhD ○ And more |
| Careers and Employment Service | Planning your career |
| | Develop your employability |
| | Find a job |
| | Applying for jobs |
| | Self-help career ideas |
| | Industry Mentoring programs |
| HDR Internships | Industry and research internships during candidature. |

Funding, Wellbeing and Student Life

| Area | What you'll find here |
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| Student support | Learning support Including study skills, assessment, IT support, Using generative AI., English language support, Work-integrated learning, peer-assisted study sessions and student mentoring. |
| | Health and wellbeing support Including health, counselling, wellbeing and accessibility, crisis support, violence, assault or harassment support |
| | Personal support Including financial support, equity and diversity, disability and accessibility support, career support and refugee success. |
| Financial support | Requesting student financial support |
| | Emergency support |
| | Cost of living support |

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| | Career Achievers Program |
| | WIL Placement Bursary |
| | Working while studying |
| | Sell your old textbooks |
| Scholarships for current students | First year candidates |
| | Second year candidates |
| | International Experience Incentive Scheme |

Before you go.....

Congratulations, you've made it to the end! That alone deserves a coffee! Limited offer.
 Contact gsc-dean-research@griffith.edu.au.