

Applicant Statement in Support of an Equivalency Case for HDR Admission (and Scholarship)

Applicants who do not meet the minimum Australian Bachelor Honours Degree qualification requirement for HDR admission (or scholarship eligibility) may still be considered where they hold a combination of qualifications, research or industry experience and/or research outputs that are determined to be equivalent. The [Equivalent Qualifications for HDR Program Admission webpage](#) details the alternate entry pathways that may be evidenced in a case for equivalency.

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

You will need to complete this statement, along with supporting documentation, and upload it with your application if you do not meet the qualifying degree requirements for admission or scholarship AND any of the following apply to you:

- Your prior qualification was completed more than 10 years ago;
- Your prior qualification contains little or no research; or
- Your prior research or industry work experience is a significant component of your equivalency case in demonstrating your research capability.

The additional documents that you will need to provide are:

- a current Curriculum Vitae (in the template provided by the [HDR Applicant Standard Academic Curriculum Vitae Model](#)); to provide details of your prior study, outputs and experience that evidence your research capabilities and preparedness; AND
- a completed Applicant Statement using this form (refer below) – to provide the case for how the evidence you have provided demonstrates knowledge and skills comparable to the learning outcomes of a Bachelor Honours Degree at the grade level required.

EVIDENCE

You must provide evidence from the last ten years to demonstrate your research capabilities and preparedness. Evidence must be relevant to your proposed research topic and demonstrate knowledge and cognitive, technical and communication skills comparable to the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Level 8 learning outcomes for a Bachelor Honours Degree at the grade level required.

This additional evidence may include, but is not limited to:

- Peer reviewed publications and other research outputs, including:
 - Journal articles; conference papers, book or book chapters, and creative works.
- Evidence of achievements in research such as research awards, grants and patents.
- Relevant research or industry work experience that demonstrates your research capability (to be included as evidence, work experience must have been sustained over a period of six months or more). Professions vary widely in the types of skills, activities and outputs that may be deemed relevant to demonstrating research capability. In general, evidence may include:
 - Activities undertaken in research assistant, researcher position in a government department, and similar such research roles.
 - Research or technical reports prepared for industry, government or business which adhere to the broad conventions of academic publishing (i.e. review of relevant literature, description of relevant research methods, evaluation of results etc.) and identify the applicant as a significant contributor.
 - Experience in planning and executing a project, working with a high level of independence.

Refer to the [Equivalent Qualifications for HDR Program Admission page](#) for additional example evidence types related to professional or research experience specific to each Academic Group that may be used in your equivalency case to demonstrate your research capability.

Once your application has been lodged, the decision makers assessing your application will review your statement, and any supporting documentation, to determine if you have demonstrated equivalence to the Bachelor Honours Degree learning outcomes at the requisite Honours grade required.

EQUIVALENCY CASE

Name:		
Yes	No	Do you wish to apply for admission or scholarship on the basis of equivalency to the minimum qualifying degree required?
<p>Please provide a brief summary of your research capability, including your prior study, outputs and experience.</p> <p><i>This summary is intended to provide an overview of your background and not your specific skills. Where you are evidencing research or industry work experience, detail the type of roles undertaken; the level and quality of the work and the duration and recency of the roles. Applicants who have experienced educational disadvantage, such as applicants with a disability, may wish to articulate circumstances that have impacted their educational outcomes to enable the University to also consider achievement relative to opportunity in the assessment of an equivalency case.</i></p>		

Describe how you have achieved the AQF Level 8 learning outcomes for a Bachelor Honours Degree by mapping your evidence of prior study, outputs and experience against each.

The learning outcomes are SKILLS so treat your responses like a selection criteria and/or job interview, with examples provided.

1. Learning outcome: *cognitive skills to review, analyse, consolidate and synthesise knowledge to identify and provide solutions to complex problems with intellectual independence*

Describe how you achieved this:

2. Learning outcome: *cognitive and technical skills to demonstrate a broad understanding of a body of knowledge and theoretical concepts with advanced understanding in some areas*

Describe how you achieved this:

3. Learning outcome: *cognitive skills to exercise critical thinking and judgement in developing new understanding*

Describe how you achieved this:

4. Learning outcome: *demonstrable technical skills to design and use research in a project*

Describe how you achieved this:

5. Learning outcome: *communication skills to present a clear and coherent exposition of knowledge and ideas to a variety of audiences*

Describe how you achieved this:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Supporting documentation must be included to support your statement. Prior to submission of your application, you will have the option of submitting any additional documents that are relevant to your evidence. You must provide a CV as noted above. Optional documentation may include additional references and/or letter of support confirming your experience; sample of work; project briefs, reports or publications; employment position descriptions.