

Information required for sending in a proposal for Higher Degree by Research studies in the Faculty of Arts and Education

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However, please note that your response to this email only allows the Faculty to assess your academic eligibility, research proposal and its supervisability, before you submit a formal online application to the University. To further assist in the processing of your proposal, please include the following information on a summary sheet when you forward your proposal:

- Full name
- Email contact details
- Intended mode of study, that is full time or part time / on campus or off campus
- Intended award, ie Masters or Doctorate
- Academic qualifications, including the name of the institution and the year of completion:
 - Completed undergraduate degrees
 - Completed honours degree
 - Completed post graduate studies (includes Graduate Diploma or higher)
 - Current studies
- List of publications – please include title and year of publication:
 - Professional publications
 - Refereed research journals
- Refereed conference presentations – please include name and year of conference
- Research activity, eg research assistant
- Current IELTS scores (for potential candidates from non English speaking backgrounds)

Please note- in a formal online application **full** details or evidence of the above will be required

The entry requirement (on-campus or off-campus, full-time or part-time) are:

- Research Master of Arts: BA (Hons) degree with honours at a H2B level or better.
- Research Master of Arts in Education: BA (Hons) degree with honours at a H2B level or better.
- Doctorate (PhD by thesis, practice-exegesis or folio): BA (Hons) degree with honours at a H2A standard or better.

If you have not undertaken Honours in an undergraduate degree then a course-work Masters degree with a research pathway (research methodology units and a research paper or minor thesis) at distinction level would be equated to H2A Honours. Other research activity, such as refereed publications and/or research grants could also assist in ascertaining a Honours standing.

If you intend to apply for entry on the other grounds, a detailed case needs to be argued for research equivalence. For further information on Honours equivalence please refer to the [Research Services website](#):

Next, to ascertain the feasibility of your research proposal* please provide in 500- 750 words plus bibliography** :

- a statement of the research project/problem/question;
- the rationale for the proposed research and its significance;
- a discussion of relevant theoretical perspectives;
- and the method(s) by which the research will be conducted.

*A copy of the proposal or sample work should be forwarded electronically (in MSWord or .pdf format) to the HDR Administrative Officer <artsed-research@deakin.edu.au> and also be included with the online application sent to Research Services Division.

**The bibliography should include any references mentioned in the proposal and/or at least six representative works informing your thinking.

Applicants for practice-exegesis or folio-exegesis models of research must note that the exegesis is a rigorous, integral part of the total research project that incorporates a practical dimension. Therefore, applicants must be familiar with relevant theoretical writings and with relevant practitioners in the field. In addition to the four aspects of research proposals listed above, mention must be made of the actual relationship between the practical or folio and the exegetical components of the research project.

If you intend undertaking research in the form of a creative writing and an exegetical component, please attach a sample of recent work of 5000 words (prose) or page equivalent.

Once the requested information and proposal are received by the Faculty, the relevant School HDR Coordinators review at least four main factors:

- academic history, publication and/or research activity;
- the nature of the research proposal and its scope to meet the standard of the degree (including familiarity with the relevant literature in the field and a capacity to synthesize the proposed methods of enquiry and their appropriateness to the proposed research topic);
- alignment with priority areas of research within the Faculty;
- the availability and suitability of staff to supervise in the research topic.

We advise prospective candidates currently employed to consult with their work place to obtain support for the length of their candidature (for example, time release, etc.).

Successful applicants for HDR candidature and who are Australian or New Zealand citizens will have fees waived for the approved duration of the degree.

For international students:

- the proposed research must be aligned with the research priority areas of the University and therefore of the [Faculty and/or its Strategic Research Centres](#) (see “research sites”).
- applications for candidature without scholarship may be made at any time.
- the deadlines for application for candidature with a scholarship is 31 September, 2011. Please check the [scholarship website](#) for details and timelines.
- the Faculty English language entry requirements for applicants from non English speaking backgrounds is a minimum IELTS score of 7.0/7.0 or a C-TOEFL score of 250.
- the [Deakin International website](#) provides details on how to apply for candidature and scholarship. However if you wish to receive a copy of the Deakin International Postgraduate Prospectus, please contact Ms Nooi Chang, Deakin International on email nooi.chang@deakin.edu.au with your request, indicating your current postal address.
- The fee schedule for international students can be found on [current students website](#).