This Regulation is made pursuant to Statute 2.4 – *University Institutes*.

1. There shall be an institute to be known as the Institute for Frontier Materials.

2. The objects of the Institute are to:

   (a) act as a catalyst for the development and expansion of multi-disciplinary research at the University at the intersection of materials science, bioscience and intelligent systems research;

   (b) enhance the University’s relationships with industry through the development of research and commercial partnerships;

   (c) support the continued development of Deakin University’s research profile through leadership, mentoring and research training of higher degree by research students;

   (d) provide opportunities to introduce leading edge research and technologies into teaching programs;

   (e) promote and develop international research partnerships;

   (f) contribute to the economic development of Victoria through research and innovation; and

   (g) enhance the research reputation of Deakin University.

3. The Institute shall have:

   (a) an advisory board, to be known as the Institute for Frontier Materials Board; and

   (b) an Institute Board of Studies to be known as the Institute for Frontier Materials Board of Studies.

4. The composition and terms of reference of each of the Institute for Frontier Materials Board and Board of Studies shall be established by the Vice-Chancellor.

5. The Institute for Frontier Materials Board shall:

   (a) provide advice to the Principal Officer of the Institute in relation to the activities of the Institute as specified in clause 2; and

   (b) meet at least two times in each calendar year.

6. The Institute for Frontier Materials Board of Studies shall:

   (a) oversee the academic quality and standards of awards offered through the Institute;

   (b) meet at least two times in each calendar year; and

   (c) review its performance annually in accordance with a process set down by it and report on the review to the Academic Board.

7. The Vice-Chancellor shall appoint a Principal Officer of the Institute on such terms and conditions as he or she sees fit.

8. The Council may grant to the Principal Officer the rank and title of Professor.
9. The Principal Officer shall:

(a) report to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research); and

(b) within three months after 31 December in each year, present to the Institute for Frontier Materials Board an annual report of the activities of the Institute for the preceding 12 months, including a full report on the financial and academic governance affairs of the Institute, together with any other statements or information required by the Institute for Frontier Materials Board.

10. The Institute for Frontier Materials Board shall consider the report received from the Principal Officer as specified in clause 9(b), and shall:

(a) submit the report to the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) as soon as practicable; and

(b) forward the report to the Academic Board for noting;

together with any comments, as it sees fit.

11. If the Vice-Chancellor concludes that the Institute is not fulfilling its objects or ceases to be aligned with the strategic directions of the University, the Vice-Chancellor may recommend to Council that the Institute be discontinued or may recommend changes to this Regulation.

Approved by Council on 11 December 2008 and including all amendments to 14 September 2017.