



RESEARCH COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

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Research Committee

1. Establishment

There shall be a Research Committee that is a committee of the Academic Board and herein after it shall be called "the Committee".

2. Functions, duties and responsibilities

The Committee has been established to provide recommendations to Academic Board on quality and excellence across all aspects of research and research training.

The Committee provides oversight, monitoring and review of research risk and compliance with relevant Threshold Standards and other regulatory and internal policy requirements, quality assurance in relation to research, research training, ethics, integrity and conduct matters, and provides advice and recommendations to the Board on:

- (a) All relevant issues and risks associated with the prosecution and achievement of the University's strategy associated with its' research portfolio and activities;
- (b) the University's methodologies for research and research education including professional development and mentoring of early career researchers considering the internal and external environment including policy, strategy, trends and innovations;
- (c) compliance with the [Higher Education Standards Framework](#) (HESF), specifically standards 1.4, 4.1, 4.2, 5.2 and 7.3;
- (d) research and research integrity risk, including relevant findings and recommendations arising from internal and external audits, ethics approvals and breaches of research integrity;
- (e) research quality and performance standards, benchmarks, indicators, frameworks and annual reporting in relation to research (including research grant applications and outcomes), research education, Centres and Institutes;
- (f) proposals to introduce new postgraduate research courses, professional and higher degree doctorates;
- (g) policies, procedures and quality assurance relating to post-graduate research education awards and doctorates, research integrity including all ethical conduct of research and responsible research practice, ownership and management of intellectual property, research commercialisation, and requirements for publication and authorship;
- (h) the University's compliance with the University's [Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research](#), which has been adapted from the Australian Code for the Responsible Code of Research ["the National Code"]; and
- (i) the University's compliance with Government's national security agenda including (but not limited to) the Foreign Influence and Transparency Scheme Act, Defence Trade Controls Act, Autonomous Sanctions Act and the National Security Legislation- Amendment (Espionage and Foreign Interference) Act 2018.

Council delegates to the Committee specific decision-making powers in respect of this duty or responsibility as per the [JCU Delegations Schedule](#) as amended from time to time. The Committee has delegation to:

- (a) amend course structures and award requirements of higher degree by research awards;
- (b) suspend the offering of, or discontinue, higher degree by research awards;
- (c) approve new HDR research-based subjects (except as part of the establishment of a new course);
- (d) amend the details of, suspend the offering of, or discontinue an existing HDR subject;
- (e) vary (including amendment, suspension or disestablishment) of research scholarships, bursaries and prizes; and
- (f) introduce new research (HDR) subjects availability or to amend the attributes of all existing research subjects.

The Secretariat shall cause to be sent in reasonable time to all members of the Committee a notice of meeting.

Proposals for agenda items from Committee members are to be submitted to the Secretariat for consideration for inclusion on the agenda. The Chair shall determine the agenda and preside at meetings.

The Committee will have a Deputy Chair elected by the Committee. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office, the Committee will elect a Deputy Chair. If the Deputy Chair is absent also, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside.

8. Reporting

After each meeting the Committee shall submit a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting to the Academic Board.

The Committee will make recommendations to the Academic Board on matters that require the approval of Academic Board or the University Council.

The Chair of the Committee will provide a report to the Academic Board on research matters or emerging issues related to governance activities undertaken by the Committee.

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20-1	01/06/2020	01/06/2020	Change to membership and advisor clauses (3.1 and 4.1) Deletion of Clause 9.1 (l) Amendments to remove references to delegations and transfer to JCU Delegations Schedule. Consequential amendments arising from implementation of amended delegation framework.
16-1	30/04/2018	30/04/2018	Title of Research Strategy and Special Projects Manager changed to Manager, Research Strategy and Performance Clarification in 2(c) and update to web links.
16-1	02/05/2017	02/05/2017	Amended