

FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH – DOCTOR OF CLINICAL DENTISTRY RESEARCH PROVISIONS 2019

1 Purpose and application

- (1) These provisions prescribe the requirements for:
 - (a) successful completion of the research units of study; and
 - (b) submission and examination of the research treatise;
referred to in the [Doctor of Clinical Dentistry course resolutions](#).
- (2) These provisions apply to students enrolled in all streams of the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry.

2 Responsibilities of Students

- (1) In order to meet the requirements of the research component of the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry, students must:
 - (a) successfully complete:
 - (i) Research Methods in Dentistry; and
 - (ii) Dental Research Studies 1-5;
 - (b) present at research seminars as required;
 - (c) give a satisfactory literary presentation; and
 - (d) submit an electronic copy of their research treatise to the Sydney Dental School research office within four years from the commencement of candidature.
- (2) The treatise must comprise:
 - (a) an abstract;
 - (b) a literature review; and
 - (c) a paper presented in the form of a scientific research manuscript.
- (3) The treatise must:
 - (a) embody the results of the student's research;
 - (b) be an original contribution to the research subject;
 - (c) afford evidence of originality by the exercise of independent critical ability;
 - (d) contain one or more critical hypotheses that investigate the subject of the treatise in the relevant body of knowledge; and
 - (e) form a cohesive and unified whole.
- (4) Students must provide evidence to identify satisfactorily the sections of work for which the candidate is responsible, such as a signed, written statement from all authors attesting to the contribution of the student.

- (5) Students must submit a final copy of the treatise to the Sydney Dental School research office.
- (6) Students may not present work which has been presented for another degree in this or another university, but will not be precluded from incorporating such work in the paper provided that in presenting the paper the student indicates the part of the work which has been so incorporated.

3 Presentation of Treatise

- (1) The treatise may contain appendices to provide a place for the inclusion of supplementary material that is related to the research but not directly relevant to the argument of the treatise. Appendices may include:
 - (a) data sets;
 - (b) examples of surveys or instruments used to gather research data;
 - (c) handbooks and manuals;
 - (d) publications arising from the research but not directly relevant to the arguments included in the treatise;
 - (e) archival and primary texts; or
 - (f) other material as deemed necessary by the student and supervisor.
- (2) The total upper word limit for the treatise is 50,000 words, excluding appendices.

4 Responsibilities of the School

- (1) The research topic and supervisor will be approved by the Sydney Dental School research committee.
- (2) The Sydney Dental School will apply similarity detecting software and make other appropriate checks to all treatises submitted for examination.
- (3) The head of discipline will recommend the appointment of two examiners of the treatise. At least one examiner will be external to the Sydney Dental School, not being a member of staff or a clinical academic title holder of the Sydney Dental School.
- (4) Examiners will have the following qualifications appropriate to the discipline, as determined by the Sydney Dental School research committee:
 - (a) a qualification equivalent to the level being examined; or
 - (b) equivalent professional or research experience.
- (5) The Sydney Dental School will take all reasonable steps to ensure that examiners are:
 - (a) free from actual or perceived bias for or against the student or the supervisor; and
 - (b) free from actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interests.
- (6) The Sydney Dental School will not appoint a person as examiner:
 - (a) if they have supervised the student's research at any time; or
 - (b) within three years of their graduation from a research degree if their research supervisor was also the student's supervisor, except with the

specific approval of the Sydney Dental School research committee and in exceptional circumstances.

5 Examination of the Treatise

- (1) The treatise must be accompanied by a statement from the supervisor stating whether, in the supervisor's opinion, the treatise is sufficiently well presented to be examined.
- (2) If a treatise is submitted for examination without the supervisor's statement, the Sydney Dental School research committee will decide whether it should be accepted for examination.
- (3) Within eight weeks of the receipt of the treatise, each examiner must:
 - (a) complete the examination; and
 - (b) submit a report to the Sydney Dental School research office.
- (4) The outcome of the examination must be one of the following:
 - (a) Award without qualification: the degree can be awarded without any further action by the student.
 - (b) Award with corrections: the degree can be awarded once all required corrections to the treatise have been addressed by the student to the satisfaction of the chair of examination.
 - (c) Non-award - revision and re-examination: the degree is not awarded, and the option is provided for the student to revise and resubmit the treatise for a new examination.
 - (d) Non-award - option to award another degree: the treatise is not considered satisfactory for the award of the degree for which it was submitted, but another degree for which the student is eligible may be awarded instead.

NOTES

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Signature:

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Related documents:

[Coursework Policy 2014](#)

[Academic Honesty in Coursework Policy 2015](#)

[Academic Honesty Procedures 2016](#)

AMENDMENT HISTORY

Provision Amendment

Commencing