

RULES FOR THE DOCTORAL FOUNDATION YEAR

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The Four-year program is only available for international students. Such students will be required to demonstrate their anticipated capacity to pay full tuition fees for four years.

Doctoral Foundation Year (Four-Year PhD Program Only)

- (i) The Committee may on the recommendation of the Head of School concerned admit to candidature for the Four-Year PhD Program an applicant who:
 - (a) holds a degree considered by the Higher Degree Research Committee, on the advice of the International Committee, to be equivalent to a bachelor's honours degree from an Australian University, *or* any masters degree; and
 - (b) satisfies the English Language requirements as specified in the Policy on English Language Requirements for Admission
- (ii) On the recommendation of the relevant Head of School, a candidate may complete the whole or part of the program of study for the Doctoral Foundation year outside the University provided that the candidate shall attend the University when required by the Head of School and, in any case, for a period or periods of not less than 14 days during the Doctoral Foundation year.
- (iii) The Doctoral Foundation year shall normally be completed over two semesters of full-time study *or* over four semesters of part-time study.
- (iv) The content of the first year of the 4 year PhD will be the equivalent of 48 credit points, full-time equivalent.
 - (a) a program of study prescribed by the Head of School of supervised research and submission of a research report or dissertation at a minimum of 10 000 words;
 - (b) any coursework unit or unit or other research or disciplinary training recommended by the relevant Head of School and approved by the Committee; and/or
 - (c) an academic literacy and research skills unit.
- (v) The requirements for proceeding from year 1 to year 2 of the 4-year PhD are:
 - (a) The minimum level of pass to be attained by the candidate in any unit undertaken during the Doctoral Foundation Year shall be Credit. The minimum level of pass in the research component of the Doctoral Foundation year shall be Distinction. The overall average of all components undertaken in the Doctoral Foundation year must be a minimum of Distinction.
 - (b) The English Language score should now be the equivalent for entry to the 3 year PhD program.
- (vi) Students may commence the program at the start of any semester.
- (vii) Changes to the prescribed components of the Doctoral Foundation year may be considered for approval by the Committee on the recommendation of the relevant Head of School/Centre/Institute.

- (viii) Exit Pathways - A candidate who meets the following:
 - (a) minimum pass requirements for all components of the Doctoral Foundation year shall be permitted to progress to candidature in the three-year PhD program.
 - (b) completion of 48 credit points equivalent in the Foundation year at credit level i.e. less than an overall distinction level, may be awarded a post-graduate diploma.
 - (c) Completion of 24 credit points equivalent in the Foundation year at credit level i.e. less than distinction level, may be awarded a post-graduate certificate.
- (ix) If a candidate's principal supervisor or the relevant Head of School/Centre/Institute submits a report of unsatisfactory progress to the Committee, or if the candidate fails to satisfactorily complete prescribed coursework, the Committee shall invite the candidate to show-cause why their candidature should not be terminated. If the candidate does not respond to the invitation by the stated date or the candidate's response is deemed unsatisfactory by the Committee, the Committee shall terminate the candidature.