



New Date; Orientation for New Candidates

Orientation date: June 16th, 9.30 – noon.

The date has been changed to accommodate some School events recently planned.

The venue is the same: Ward Library Seminar Room, Werrington South.

Postgraduate Essentials Report

Postgraduate Essentials Autumn 2010 has captured some very positive feedback from candidates in their discussion on the topic: *Relationship with supervisors*. Candidates have expressed appreciation for their supervisors support, their in-depth knowledge and they speak of being inspired by their supervisors to do well in their research.

Some excerpts from the students' postings:

- My primary supervisor is very helpful and helps me a lot in adapting to many different ways of managing my research.
- I am very happy with my primary supervisor and I hope that I will become more comfortable with the rest of my panel as time goes on.
- She's great with any help that I need, gives me guidance and encourages me when I am a little unsure as to what to do.
- I have to say that it is so important to have a positive person beside us during this long but exciting journey ahead.
- My relationship with my Supervisors has been very productive and I intend to make it even better.
- I love my supervisor. She is passionate, driving, and shows extreme interest in both my topic, and my personal wellbeing both in respect to the issues we are discussing and me on a general social level.
- I find him (supervisor) very supportive and helpful.
- What I find important in such a relationship is mutual respect and patience.
- All in all I am enthusiastic about the supervisory and research culture that is available.
- Thanks to all our supervisors!



Scholarships report

In 2010 UWS was allocated 42 Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) by the Australian Government for 2010 and the University provided 40 UWS Postgraduate Awards (UWSPRA). There were 176 applications, a 30 per cent increase from the previous year. Eighty two scholarships were awarded, representing a 46.59% success rate.

APA Offers			% change from 2009
College of Arts	21	50.00%	5.00%
College of Business	3	7.14%	200.00%
College of Health and Science	18	42.86%	28.57%
Total	42	100.00%	20.00%

UWSPRA Offers			% change from 2009
College of Arts	23	57.50%	-17.86%
College of Business	5	12.50%	400.00%
College of Health and Science	12	30.00%	9.09%
Total	40	100.00%	

Confirmation of Candidature Changes

The Research Studies Committee has made some changes to the Confirmation of Candidature.

These words are now included:

- It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that the Confirmation document is provided to the principal supervisor in sufficient time for circulation to the panel.
- and**
- The candidate has the right to meet with the Associate Dean Research, if they so wish in the absence of their supervisory panel during the Confirmation of Candidature Process.



There are four outcomes of the Confirmation Process:

- A. That the Thesis Proposal be approved and candidature confirmed.
- B. That the Thesis Proposal be approved, and Candidature confirmed, subject to **minor** amendments/rewriting identified by the Confirmation of Candidature Panel. The amendments are to be undertaken to the satisfaction of the Principal Supervisor and Associate Dean, Research.
- C. That the Thesis Proposal be approved, and Candidature confirmed, subject to **major** amendments/rewriting identified by the Confirmation of Candidature Panel. The amendments will be circulated electronically to the Confirmation of Candidature Panel electronically (the candidate will not be required to make a second presentation).
- D. That the Candidature not be confirmed on the basis of the submitted Thesis Proposal and the student be asked to resubmit a new proposal and a second presentation is required.



Research Candidate Satisfaction Survey

Have you seen the latest UWS Research Student Satisfaction Survey?

http://www.uws.edu.au/opq/planning_and_quality/surveys#6

Staff login required.

Candidates indicated an improvement in the promotion of research culture and supervisors remain in high regard. Facilities and resources are of some concern. Your comments on this are welcome, send them to m.krone@uws.edu.au and they will be forwarded to the Research Studies Committee.

Up Coming Research Supervisors Forums

June 17 Bankstown

Examinations and the role of supervisor. For renewal of registration. We will look at recent findings in the Australian context, the role of supervisor, examiner choice, addressing examiners reports and problem solving.

July 29 Werrington South

Guest presenter Prof Andrew Cheetham, PVC, R. Topic – ERA; implications for Higher Degree by Research Supervisors.



To register:

- To start the enrolment process log into Staff On-Line <https://staffonline.uws.edu.au>
- Click on the MyCareer Online link under Staff Development (it will open in a new window).
- On the MyCareer Online Home Page simply type any portion of the forum title or a keyword into the Search box in the top right hand corner and press enter.
- Any of the following keywords will return all RSFs – RSF, research, forum, supervisor.
- Click on the 'Title' of the forum you want to register for from the search results.
- Register by selecting the 'Request' option next to your preferred date (you may need to scroll down to see available dates).