

## **EIPRS and UWSIPRS RANKING METRIC 2011**

This metric was designed by the UWS Research Studies Committee to rank applications for Endeavour International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (EIPRS) and UWS International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (UWSIPRS).

Applications for these scholarships are ranked solely on academic merit and this has been the UWS convention for many years. The criterion of academic merit sets Bachelor Hons as a yardstick and other qualifications are judged relative to that standard, eg. a high level of refereed articles is a basis for claiming equivalence, as are research masters. Qualifications that are judged less than a Bachelor Hons score a lower ranking, eg graduate certificates, coursework masters, reports rather than refereed papers. Applications are further ranked according to the percentage of research in taught masters degrees, GPA's, the standing of the institution etc.

This metric is put forward as a means for supporting the assessment of EIPRS and UWSIPRS across UWS using agreed standards and should make the process fairer and simpler. It does not introduce new criteria but creates a common ground for ranking applications across UWS.

The metric should be used as a guide only. Making ranking judgments for international applications is difficult as there is a wide range of possibilities and standards. Some highly placed applicants have formal qualifications that are not rated very well by NOOSR but the applicant has an academic position in their home country and a high rate of academic output. UWS has judged these applicants to have a qualification equivalent to a research masters/B Hons qualification in recognition of their advanced research training through their academic careers. These cases are uncommon and should constitute an exception to the metric, with sound justification, eg. a large number of refereed international publications.

## SECTION 1

### Degree / GPA Equivalence for Overseas Qualifications

To be used for applicants who have attained an overseas undergraduate qualification, to determine the equivalence of the awarded GPA in the Australian context. Committee members should be guided by the NOOSR judgement regarding the quality of individual institutions, the academic transcripts of the applicant and discipline knowledge of the academic standing of the institution. As an example, a qualification with high grades (meaning averaging credit level or better) that is ranked by NOOSR as equivalent to an Assoc Dip or two years of an Australian bachelor will rate lower than an award rated as equivalent to a bachelor degree with lower grades.

(1) Degree / GPA Equivalence	Points
Equivalence – up to 4. Where 4 is given for the equivalent of an Australian Bachelor Degree, with high average grades.	4

## SECTION 2

### Honours/Postgraduate Study (up to 20 points)

Only for completed or completion pending qualifications (where verifiable grades – both thesis and coursework - are available). If more than one postgraduate qualification, only one may be scored.

(2) Honours/Postgraduate Study	Level Awarded	Points
Masters by Research	Any	20
Undergraduate Honours (end on) #	1	20
	2-I	18
	2-II	15
UWS Embedded Undergraduate Hons (if equivalent to a UWS end on degree)	1	20
	2-I	18
	2-II	15
Embedded Undergraduate Honours from another institution	College recommendation up to 20 points (must be evidence based)	
Masters by Coursework with research component equivalent to 25% or more <sup>^</sup>	Any	15
Masters by Coursework with research component less than 25%	Any	14
UWS Graduate Certificate in Research	ATP* >=85%	15
	ATP* >=75%	13
	ATP* >=65%	11

# Any overseas qualification with an “honours” result will not automatically be considered comparable to an Australian Bachelor Honours degree and may not equate to the point allocation indicated here. Colleges will make a judgement on overseas qualifications based on the grades attained, NOOSR advice and discipline knowledge of the standing of the institution in the academic community.

\* ATP = Advanced Thesis Preparation Unit No. 200361 or equivalent

<sup>^</sup> It is recognised that some institutions have designed specific coursework components to prepare students for entry into a research degree. Evidence must be provided from course documentation (i.e. calendar entries and promotional material - NOT course outlines) that this is the case. If this is established to the satisfaction of the Research Studies Committee, the applicant may be considered to have the equivalent of a coursework degree with a 25% research component and, therefore, score 15 points.

## SECTION 3

### Academic Equivalence

This section is to be used where the applicant is seeking equivalence to academic training on the basis of professional experience.

The College may allocate up to 5 points where the applicant can prove an equivalence of skills and knowledge that would be attained in formal Bachelor Honours or postgraduate training. Where points have been assigned for undergraduate honours or postgraduate courses, a maximum of 3 points may be assigned for this section. The evidence should address knowledge of research methodology and the ability to undertake academic writing and /or specialist knowledge and skills relevant to the area of study.

<b>(3) Academic Equivalence</b>	<b>Points</b>
Equivalence – up to	5

## SECTION 4

### Research Output

**Maximum points for Research Output is 5 (irrespective of cumulative total).**

Applicant's contribution to refereed research output. Applicants may be allocated up to five points from one or more of the following categories. Points will not be allocated where verification documents for each section have not been provided.

<b>Research Book/Monograph</b>	
Authored research book (not theses) - a substantial work of scholarship bound and offered for sale under the imprint of a recognised commercial press or publisher	5
<b>Research Book Chapter</b>	
Research Book Chapters in authored research publications, bound and offered for sale under the imprint of a recognised commercial press of publisher	2
<b>Major Creative Works</b>	
Solo exhibition in a major gallery/museum, commercial or public – curated and accompanied by a published catalogue identifying the individual works -	5
Participation in Group exhibition in a major gallery/museum, commercial or public – curated and accompanied by a published catalogue	2
<b>Written or Recorded Creative Work</b>	
Novels, books of poetry, published play or films scripts, published scores of musical works, recordings of live music, theatre or dance performances, films, multimedia productions or sound production, recorded or bound/packaged creative work for sale and commercial distribution	College recommendation up to 5 pts (evidence based)

<b>Refereed Journal Articles</b>	
Refereed Journal Articles - substantial works of scholarship published in a scholarly journal following a formal process of peer review.	2
<b>Refereed Conference Proceedings</b>	
Full written versions of conference papers which are published. Full papers must be peer reviewed and presented at conferences of national or international significance.	1
<b>Commercial Patent</b>	
Patents on specific products or processes granted for the first time, either in Australia or in an overseas country .	2

## Additional Information Using the UWS Ranking Metric

### **Section 1 - Degree/GPA Equivalence**

Assessment based on certified copies of full academic transcript. Please ensure that a full academic transcript is provided which lists the name of the subjects/units undertaken and the grades/outcomes achieved for each subject unit.

### **Section 2 - Honours/Postgraduate Study**

Assessment based on certified copies of full academic transcript. Please ensure that a full academic transcript is provided which lists the name of the subjects/units undertaken and the grades/outcomes achieved for each subject unit.

If you are currently enrolled in a course of study and are awaiting the final results you must ensure that certified copy of the results is provided to UWS no later than 5:00pm Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2007. For applicants currently enrolled at UWS this will be arranged internally by the College and academic advisors. Where the result is not available by the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2007 the points for that section of the metric will be reduced accordingly and the application re-ranked.

### **Section 3 - GPA Equivalence for Overseas Qualifications**

Colleges will make a judgement on overseas qualifications based on the grades attained, NOOSR advice and discipline knowledge of the standing of the institution in the academic community.

### **Section 4 - Research Output**

Please provide the following documentary evidence of your research output:

<i>Research Book/Monograph</i>	A copy of the introduction and frontispiece photocopies of contents, preface, introduction, and pages showing all bibliographic information: ISBN author(s), publisher, all dates referring to copyright, publication, printing and distribution.
<i>Exhibitions</i>	Copy of catalogue contents, preface, introduction, ISBN (if applicable), name of exhibitor and curator, date and location of exhibition, total number of works in exhibition and total number of works by claiming artist. Copy of advertising, which should include name of publication and date advertised. Evidence that the gallery/museum is an independent public or commercial organisation (eg evidence of a governing board, is a financial concern, annual report extract, employs staff, is autonomous (ie independent of the university))
<i>Recorded Creative Performance Work</i>	Including live music, theatre or dance performances, films, multimedia productions or sound production. Evidence to support commercial distribution (eg cover/notes) Evidence of running time Evidence of the role(s) of the claimant eg writer, illustrator, producer, director, performer
<i>Written Creative Work</i>	Including published novels, poetry, plays, filmscripts, music scores. All bibliographical information (ISBN or ISSN, author(s), publisher, all dates referring to copyright, publication, printing and distribution).
<i>Refereed Papers</i>	A copy of the refereed paper and photocopies of contents, preface, introduction and pages showing all bibliographical information (ISBN or ISSN, author(s), publisher, all dates referring to copyright, publication, printing and distribution), evidence that the paper is refereed.