

Message from the Research Studies Committee

Editing and Theses

- 1 Editing theses is permissible under *The Editing of Research Theses by Professional Editors* policy developed by the Deans and Directors of Graduate Studies collaboratively with the Council of Australian Societies of Editors.

It is available at: **Guidelines for Editing of Theses**



- 2 Professional editing is a good idea.



Research into doctoral education shows that

“examiners are put off by sloppy presentation ... It is not just that sloppy presentation irritates the reader but, much more importantly, it is taken as an indication that the research itself, the data gathering and analysis, may also be sloppy. Once examiners are annoyed by something they consider should be easy to avoid, they also become ‘picky’ about the remainder of the thesis”.

Kiley, M and Mullins, G *Opening the Black Box; How Examiners Assess Your Thesis* in *Doctorates Downunder; Keys to Successful Doctoral Study* ed. C Denholm and T Evans ACER Press 2006

- 3 Candidature Project Funds may be used to pay for an editor.
- 4 Where to find one? Try the Society of Editors <http://www.editorsnsw.com/>

Like more information about research higher degree examination?
http://www.uws.edu.au/research/current_research_students/examination

or request an exams booklet from Mary Krone, m.krone@uws.edu.au



Fees for extensions beyond maximum time



Extensions of Candidature

The maximum period of enrolment for all doctorates is 4 efstl and 2 efstl for all research masters.

Local non fee paying students may be granted an extension for a maximum period of one session without additional fees being applied.

Where a candidate is granted an extension for more than one session, the candidate will be liable for full sessional course tuition fees.

All candidates admitted as fee paying students continue to pay fees for any period that they are enrolled.

Extensions of candidature differ to extensions of scholarship. Scholarships are 3 efstl for doctoral candidates and extensions are considered on the basis of the delay being related to the research, unpredictable and not of a personal nature. An example is that a scholarship would not be extended on the basis of ill health but a candidature may be.

Taking Leave from Candidature

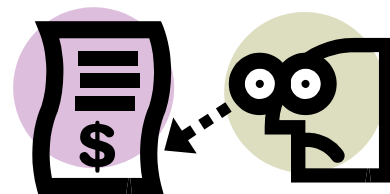


When to take leave?

- Problems are interfering with progress and there is an expectation that a period of leave will give time to resolve the problem. The issues of concern may include personal ill health, health problems within the family, short term professional pressures, grief etc.

If leave is not taken when perhaps it should?

- The candidate may go overtime and may be liable for full fees for an extension
- Causes additional stress that makes it even harder to resolve the original problem.



While the candidate is on leave they are not enrolled and do not have access to UWS resources.

The candidature clock stops during periods of leave, that is, the maximum period of enrolment is adjusted to account for the period of leave.



I need to put my feet up for a while and I'll be ok.

- Candidates may normally apply for a maximum of two sessions leave in any one candidature.
- Candidature is recorded in whole sessions. Candidates should apply for leave well before the census dates of the two main research sessions, that is, by the end of March for session one or the end of August for session two.

To apply: **Vary Research Candidature/Scholarship form**

Please note:

Upgrade to doctorate from research masters:

The Research Studies Committee is concerned that there is a misunderstanding in some areas that an upgrade requires a new topic. It doesn't. Rather, it requires proof that the scope and complexity of the project are at a doctoral level and beyond the expectations of a research masters.

See Upgrade to Doctoral Studies Cover sheet and Guidelines at <http://www.uws.edu.au/research/researchers/forms#2>

