Purpose
The Research by Higher Degrees Sub-Committee (RHDSC) is a sub-committee of the University’s Research Committee

The purpose of the RHDSC is to provide advice and recommendations to the Research Committee on the admission and enrolment of applicants to research higher degrees, awarding of scholarships, appointment of supervisors, student progress, examination processes, and the awarding of degrees and to advise the Research Committee on matters of policy and other academic matters pertaining to research training and higher degrees candidature.

The primary concerns of the RHDSC are to encourage compliance with University policy and procedure and adherence to national codes of conduct and guidelines for best practice. The activities of the RHDSC should therefore encourage excellence in research conducted under the auspices of the University’s higher degree programs, and timely completion of doctoral and research master’s theses.

Membership
Ex Officio
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) or nominee (Chair)
Chair, Academic Board or nominee (Deputy Chair)
Associate Deans (Research)

Co-opted Members
HDR Coordinators of each Faculty
Additional members may be co-opted.

Standing invitation (with rights of observation and debate, but not voting rights)
Director, Research Services
Team Leader, Higher Degree by Research

An alternate may be nominated by an Associate Dean (Research) to be a member of the Committee for a meeting in respect of which s/he is or will be absent; and an alternate so nominated has the duties and rights, including voting rights, of a member of the Committee at that meeting.

Chair and Deputy Chair
Where the Chair of the RHDSC is a nominee appointed by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation) consultation with the Chair of Academic Board and the Chair of Research Committee will occur prior to appointment. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation), Chair of Academic Board or Chair of Research Committee may become the Chair of RHDSC.
The Deputy Chair will be nominated from the members of RHDSC.
Meetings
The Committee will meet at least five times per year. For the purposes of a meeting the quorum will be 50% of total membership.

Reporting
The minutes of Committee meetings will be tabled for discussion and/or action at the subsequent meeting of Research Committee.

For Noting
1. Resolution AB4/06/10
Academic Board approved delegation of its responsibilities and powers in relation to research higher degrees candidature matters, to the Chair of Academic Board, provided that all decisions of the Chair are based on the approval of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation).

2. Resolution AB1/10/13
Academic Board approved the following delegated authority to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation) for approval only:
   - approval of TD grade
   - extension of candidature
   - leave from studies
   - changes to supervisory team
   - extension of the term of candidature
   - extension of scholarships (Research Training Scheme)
Where approval is not recommended, the case is to be referred to the next meeting of the Research Committee for further consideration.