RESEARCH ACTIVE POLICY

Responsible Officer	Director of Research
Superseded Documents	Research Active Policy v.2.0
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Associated Documents	Australian Code for Responsible Conduct of Research Faculty Research Policy Faculty Research Funds Procedure Research Higher Degree Student Policy Research Higher Degree Supervision Procedure Research Active Register
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1. PURPOSE

All members of faculty are expected to undertake academic research as part of their role as teachers, pastors and scholars within the College community. As teachers their teaching should be informed by research. For the purposes of supervising Higher Degree Research (HDR) students, some are designated as Research Active and listed on the College's Research Active Register.

2. BACKGROUND

Amendments to research categories and weightings arise from alignment with the Australian Research Council, Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) 2018 Submission Guidelines. The policy is also benchmarked against Australian university practice, including that of Macquarie University, University of Wollongong and University of Western Australia.

3. SCOPE

This policy is for faculty, supervisors and candidates.

4. DEFINITIONS

Term	Definition
Early Career Researcher	Early Career Researcher (ECR) is defined as one who is within five years of conferral of the PhD.
Research	ERA defines research as the creation of new knowledge and/or the use of existing knowledge in a new and creative way to generate new concepts, methodologies, inventions and understandings. This could include the synthesis and analysis of previous research to the extent that it is new and creative.[1]

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[1] *2018 ERA Submission Guidelines* *https://www.arc.gov.au/excellence-research-australia/key-documents*

5. POLICY STATEMENT

1. For the purpose of supervising a HDR candidate a faculty member must accrue at least five (5) points in the preceding five (5) calendar years.

2. Research points may be accrued from any of the following categories.

Research Output	Points
Category A – Research	
Book from a commercial publisher	5
Translating and publishing a book with commentary on a scholarly text	3
Editing a book – involving designing the project, commissioning contributors, editing the text and providing an introduction	3
Chapter in a book from a commercial publisher	1
Article in a refereed journal	1
Chapters in conference proceedings	1
Performance/showing of a creative work as recognized and peer-reviewed within the discipline	1
Receiving external research income of more than $10,000	1
Category B – Scholarship (reflection of standing in the field)	
External research grant for a scheme on the Australian Competitive Research Grants Register	1
Presenting a refereed conference paper at an academic conference	1
Role on an editorial board of refereed journals [or monographic series] or industry recognized committee such as the Doctrine Commission	1
Invited public lecture pertaining to the area of academic expertise	1
Category C – Supervision and Supervisor Professional Development	
Principal supervisor – successful completion of one doctoral candidate	2
Principal supervisor – successful completion of one research masters candidate	1
Co-supervisor who has acted as a primary supervisor for one semester	0.5
Examination of higher degree research theses	1
Participation in professional development on supervision provided by College	1

3. For the first five (5) years after successful completion of a PhD, the PhD counts as three (3) points.

4. Papers delivered at conferences count as a conference paper once but may not be counted again when published.

5. The delivery of the Annual Moore College Lectures counts as five (5) conference papers.

6. The Academic Board may, on the recommendation with reasons of the Research and Centres Committee (RACC), approve listing a faculty member as research active (not otherwise qualified) if in the opinion of the RACC that faculty member is sufficiently conversant with the relevant scholarship to supervise a research masters thesis.

7. The Academic Board may, on the recommendation of the RACC, approve an early career researcher to supervise a research master's thesis if they have achieved an output equivalent to an average of one weighted output point per year.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

Australian Qualifications Framework. 2nd ed. 2013.

Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2011. Chapter 3: Provider Course Accreditation Standards. Section 1.8.

7. IMPLEMENTATION

1. The Director of Research is responsible for the implementation of the policy.
2. The Registrar's Dept. is responsible for data collection and maintaining the Research Active Register.

8. REVIEW AND HISTORY

Version	Approved By	Approval Date	Effective Date	Sections modified
1.0	Board of Studies	26/02/2010	26/02/2010	New policy
2.0	Governing Board	20/08/2013	20/08/2013	Full review and revision
3.0	Governing Board	19/09/2019	19/09/2019	Review of metrics benchmarked against Australian universities. Other updates: 1. Revise "Dean" to "Director" of Research 2. Revise and update Associated Documents 3. Definitions – add ECR 4. Reduction in supervision points 5. Insert 5.7