

Terms of Reference - Research Committee

Section 1 - Purpose

(1) The Research Committee is a subcommittee of Academic Board. It is the principal advisory committee of the Academic Board on issues of research across the University. On behalf of the Academic Board, the Research Committee will:

- a. advise the Academic Board on research, research training, research performance and research policy;
- b. assist with the formulation and review of strategic research plans and monitor performance against the research objectives and goals of the University's [Strategic Plan](#);
- c. monitor compliance with relevant legislation and national and international codes and standards, including the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research;
- d. monitor changes to the external funding landscape and implications for the University's research strategy and funding;
- e. advise the Academic Board of the impact of research policies, strategies and actions on the quality and integrity of research at the University, and on the University's research performance; and review and provide advice on proposals for changes in research policy;
- f. advise and, where required, make recommendations in relation to the methodological basis of metrics and indicators for assessing and reporting on the research impact and performance of the University, including/and ensuring the Higher Education Threshold Standards are satisfied;
- g. monitor policies and reports related to animal and human ethics, research integrity, and biosafety to ensure compliance with internal and external requirements;
- h. assess, monitor and provide advice and specialist input to Academic Board on the identification, monitoring and management of strategic, systematic and emerging risks associated with the University's research and research training activities;
- i. provide strategic oversight and advice on graduate research (Higher Degree Research), specific strategies supporting marketing and recruitment, supervisory capacity and capability in the respective Faculties, supervisory performance, supervisor-graduate researcher completions, and industry engagement;
- j. provide input to the establishment and disestablishment of University Research Impact Clusters, and advice regarding key performance indicators for Research Impact Clusters;
- k. provide leadership and strategic advice on mechanisms to improve the University's research performance;
- l. provide leadership and strategic advice on research data management;
- m. assess, monitor and provide advice on policies and processes to ensure facilities and infrastructure are fit for research purposes and accommodate the research activities of the students and staff who use them;
- n. advise the Academic Board on any other research matters as requested by the Vice-Chancellor, the Chair, Academic Board or the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research).

Section 2 - Composition

(2) The membership of Research Committee is:

a. Ex-officio:

- i. Chair: Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)
- ii. Deputy Chair: Deputy Chair (Research), Academic Board
- iii. Pro Vice Chancellor (Research Infrastructure)
- iv. Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic Quality)
- v. Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research and Education Impact)
- vi. Associate Dean (Research) from each Faculty and College
- vii. Director, Research
- viii. Dean, Graduate School
- ix. Director, Library Services
- x. Vice-President (Finance and Technology).

a. Appointed:

- i. one Senior Indigenous Researcher
- ii. one representative from each Research Impact Cluster leadership
- iii. one Early-Career Researcher
- iv. one Mid-Career Researcher
- v. one Higher Degree Research student.

(3) The Chair may co-opt other members as required for a specified term.

(4) Appointed members will be appointed by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research).

(5) Appointed members will normally serve for a period of two years, and for no more than two consecutive terms.

Section 3 - Meetings

(6) Meetings and other business will be conducted under the [Standing Orders – the Academic Board and its Committees](#).

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