

Essential Facilities and Infrastructure for the Support of Internal (on campus) Research Higher Degree Candidates

The University of Western Australia is committed to providing appropriate support for its higher degree by research (HDR) candidates. The following provides details of the minimum requirements that should be provided for all on campus students. It is a given that where additional resources are required, they will be provided by the appropriate Supervisor, School or Faculty.

1. Supervision

Each candidate must be provided with at least TWO supervisors who are staff of the University, are included on the Register of Supervisors, and are experts in the discipline in which the student will undertake research.

2. Accommodation

Where practicable, all full-time HDR candidates will be provided with a sole-use desk, lockable filing cabinet and bookshelf facilities. Where a sole-use desk is not available, use of a shared desk or other satisfactory, flexible arrangements shall be negotiated between the School, the supervisors and the candidate. Part-time candidates shall be provided with access to a shared desk.

3. Computers and IT

All candidates must be provided with access to:

- Computer, laptop or desk top, with standard software for information retrieval, word-processing and data analysis
- Access to the internet through Ethernet or wireless connection
- Email account
- Access to IT support
- Printing

4. Library

Library facilities include access to:

- Hard copy books and reference material

- Electronic access to journals
- Inter-library loans
- Access to publication databases

5. Afterhours access

Candidates should be able to access their offices, laboratories and shared work spaces on a 24/7 basis. 'After hours' work in any University facility must comply with relevant Occupational Health and Safety regulations. 'After hours' work in a laboratory may require more than one person to be present for safety reasons (that is, the candidate cannot work alone). See the [Occupational Health and Safety Unit](#) website for additional information.

6. Research equipment and facilities

Candidates should only be accepted into a research degree where there are sufficient facilities and equipment to allow them to undertake the research or where those facilities can reasonably be accessed externally. This includes but is not limited to:

- Laboratories and equipment
- High performance computing time
- Collections and databases
- Consumables and sundries as required
- Access to funds for fieldwork

7. Training and advice

All candidates must be provided with training and advice as appropriate to their research and generic skills development requirements including but not limited to the following:

- Ethical and safety requirements of research
- Training and certification in the use of equipment, fieldwork and data collection skills
- Access to further training, advice and support may be obtained from the Postgraduate Students Association, Student Services and the Student Guild

Relevant associated Policies:

University Policy on: Graduate Research Training UP2/11