

RHD Completions Benchmarking - Australian Universities - 2015

University	What is the length of your institution's RHD candidature? (PhD and Masters by Research) What is your institution's definition of overtime?	What is your university's policy regarding extensions to RHDs? (A copy/paste of the policy or relevant URL would be of great assistance here.)	Does your institution have scholarships or stipends to assist RHD candidates with completing their thesis?	What procedures or policies does your institution have in place to encourage timely RHD completions? For example: seminars, action plans, etc.	What penalties or sanctions (if any) does your institution impose upon candidates who are over time? For example: charging overtime candidates.
[De-identified]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD – 4 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensions granted when suitable case is made. Extension timetable must be in place. 	NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARPs. Training/seminars. 'Research advisor' available in addition to supervisor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None at present for candidates. Potential fees in future. Faculties funded based on timely RHD completions.
Central Queensland University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD – 4 years Masters Rsch – 3 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensions granted on case-by-case basis. 	NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bi-annual Progress Reports. Supervisor training emphasises completion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> O/T international candidates must enter a fee-paying place. O/T domestic candidates must pay full fees if they choose to remain in the program.
Charles Darwin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD – 4 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensions granted during review cycle. Extensions recorded on databases. 6 months or 1 year in special circumstances. 	YES - Scholarship extensions from 3.5 to 4 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARPs. Probation for unsatisfactory progress. Benchmarking under supervision of Research Committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No conditions.
Deakin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD – 4 years Masters Rsch – 2 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensions granted when circumstances beyond candidate's control – research related only. Extension timetable must be in place. 	NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation of Candidate at 12 months. ARPs. Training/seminars. Completion plan produced at 12 months. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No penalties for O/T domestic students. Normal tuition fees charged for O/T international scholarship holders.
Edith Cowan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD – 3 years (up to 4) Masters Rsch – 2 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensions granted when circumstances beyond candidate's control. Dean-level approval for extensions. Candidates enter 'Finishing contract agreement'. 	NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training/seminars. End of candidature intensives. Finishing Plan required for extensions made in conjunction with supervisor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faculties must support O/T students. Exclusion for candidates not meeting extension conditions.
Flinders University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD – 4 years M.Rsch – 2 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension granted with approval from Faculty, supervisor and Dean. 6 month maximum EFT. 	NO - Thesis Write-Up Stipend only available to candidates who have not received a scholarship.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milestones. ARPs. Training/seminars. Intensives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential fees in future for candidates in the form of cancelled fee-waivers.
Griffith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD – 4 years M.Phil – 2 years M.Rsch - 1, 1.5 or 2 years (depending on program) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensions granted on application. 6 month FTE maximum. 	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARPs. Lapsed candidature process. Range of milestones. Supervisor accreditation. Completion and publication assistance scholarships. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No penalties are currently imposed.
James Cook University					Fees are not ruled out, but are unlikely

La Trobe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD – 4 years • Masters Rsch – 2 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 12 month extension granted upon application to the Dean of Graduate Studies. • Extensions may be granted beyond 12 months. 	YES - 6 month extensions to both APA and internal scholarships after 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual panel to review progress • Milestones presented to panel. • Training/seminars. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No penalties for going over time. • Candidates wishing to continue after exhausting completion and extension period must pay \$100 'Renewal' admin fee. • International candidates incur tuition fees per day past completion date.
Macquarie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD – 4 years (<i>After Jan '14: 3 years</i>) • M.Phil – 2 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensions granted on application approval by Principal Supervisor, Head of Department and Faculty Associate Dean of RHD. • 6 month FTE maximum. 	NO - Faculties can make resources available at discretion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARPs. • Training/seminars. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All candidates who request an extension are charged \$1000 per application (up to 2 applications). • O/T international candidates must enter a fee-paying place.
Monash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD – 3 years, 3 months (up to 4) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensions granted when circumstances beyond candidate's control – research related only. • Once extension is exhausted, candidates are 'discontinued in good standing' with no access to university resources or support. • Enrolled before 31 Dec 2014 – 6 month maximum. • Enrolled after 1 Jan 2015 – 9 months maximum. 	NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milestones heavily emphasised. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None at present.
Murdoch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD – 4 years • M.Phil – 2 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensions granted once only. • 1 year maximum. • Extension completion plan must be in place. 	YES - Various available through Schools and Graduate Association.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/seminars. • Individual candidate oversight committee. • Milestone meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential future fees for candidates going beyond extensions.
QUT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD – 3 years (up to 4) • Masters Rsch – 2 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensions granted on request. • 6 month maximum. • Funded 50:50 with Faculty. 	NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milestone meetings. • At-risk register for candidates. • Case manager for candidates not meeting milestones. • Uni KPI is % of RHD who complete in time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show Cause requirement for candidates to avoid termination at end of extension.
RMIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD – 3.5 years (up to 4) • Masters Rsch – 2 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying for extension places candidate 'At Risk'. • 6 month maximum for PhD (or 12 months part time). • Failure to submit by end of extension means cancellation of candidature. 	NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No specific policy on candidate assistance. • Training/seminars available. • At-risk candidates recommended to develop support plan. • Additional supervisors or change to study load available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolment cancelled at end of extension.
Southern Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD – 4 years • M.Rsch – 2 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension granted at discretion of RHD committee. • 'Out of time' candidates can re-enrol for 1 month. 	NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/seminars. • Action Plan for extensions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates are charged a fee of \$500 for every two months (or part thereof) until they submit their thesis for examination after returning from a lapsed candidature.

University of Melbourne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD – 3 years (up to 4) • Masters Rsch – 2 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensions granted on application. • 1 year maximum. • If no extension, candidate is 'lapsed in good standing'. They have access to library resources to complete thesis, but no supervision. • 'Lapsed in good standing' only offered if genuine prospect of completion. 	<p>YES - Maximum 6 month extension to APA. Other occasions at faculty discretion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RHD admissions policy stipulates taking on only candidates who are likely to complete. • ARPs. • Publication encouraged. • Milestones (eg. word count has been successful). • Training/seminars. • Intensives. • Cohort building among candidates. • Faculties are responsible for RHD performance and are benchmarked on their completions. • Supervisor training emphasises completion. • Supervisor success rates used by Faculties to inform student allocation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None at present. • Potential fees in future, allowed for by present policy.
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