



Graduate Research Supervisor Training: Context and Opportunity

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Graduate
Research School



University of Technology Sydney - HDRs in a Rising Global Research Profile

39th
THE
globally for
Research Quality
Times Higher Education
World Rankings 2024



ERA
EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH
FOR AUSTRALIA
72%
Research above
'World Standard'
2018 Excellence in Research
for Australia

14th
THE
globally for
sustainability impact
Times Higher Education
Impact Rankings 2023



1st
EI
Impact
in Australia
2018 Engagement and
Impact for Australia

2nd
THE
in Australia for
research quality
Times Higher Education
World Rankings 2024

3rd
BEST COLLEGES
US NEWS
RANKINGS
globally for
Artificial Intelligence
US News Best Global Universities
2022-2023

17 Fellows of
Australian Academies



90th
QS WORLD
UNIVERSITY
RANKINGS
university in the world
Quacquarelli Symonds
World University Rankings 2024

- * An emergent research leader across multiple global indices.
- * Drivers: collaborations across universities, public, private sectors
- * 2114 HDRs doubles the size of the research community and makes a significant contribution to institutional research profile.
- * HDRs are the 'glue that binds' quality collaborations.

HDR Supervision: Challenge & Opportunity



Graduate research holds a pivotal place in the research ecosystem



Supervisor capacity (top down): nimble pathways to accreditation



Supervisor training (bottom up): compliance & professional practice



Research quality: *The rigour that research goes through. High-quality research should be transparent, reproducible, adhere to the necessary reporting and supervision standards, and adopt appropriate methods, measurements, data analysis and research design (Universities Accord: 218)*

**Supervisor
Capabilities**

**Supervisor
Registration**

**Supervisor
Training**

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HDR Supervisor Training Refresh

- ❖ Elevate international, honorary & industry supervisor status
- ❖ Accelerate supervisor accreditation pathways
- ❖ Consolidate a mandatory training core
- ❖ Integrate student wellbeing into supervisor capability profile
- ❖ Create an elective suite aligned to professional development and advancement