

DEFINITION OF RESEARCH ACTIVE FOR THE PURPOSES OF HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Defining activity levels and its implications

“Research active” be defined as follows, based on output over a three year period:

Approved HDR status

- Staff undertaking HDR degrees formally approved within CSU workload during the three year output period to be allocated this status, subject to satisfactory progress.

Tier 1 Research Active

- 3 or more HERDC-eligible publications* or a minimum of 1.5 HERDC points**
and at least one of the following
- \$5,000 or more in HERDC income to CSU, *or*
- An additional 3 HERDC-eligible publications or 1.5 HERDC points *or*
- Chief Investigator on an external research grant *or*
- Supervision of an HDR student to completion within the three year output period.
** or non-traditional research outputs in those disciplines where creative works are relevant*
*** where a journal article/book chapter/conference publication generates a total of 1 point apportioned between authors and a book generates 5 HERDC points apportioned between authors*

This level to be the threshold definition of research activity (in addition to all other existing supervisory criteria) for principal supervision of HDR students. In future this level will normally be required for receiving centrally administered project-specific CSU research funds. Staff within five years of PhD completion will be considered to meet this measure with an average of one HERDC-eligible publication per year. Staff who have had a career break (e.g. health or maternity leave) will be given appropriate consideration when applying these guidelines.

Tier 2 Research Active

- 3 or more HERDC-eligible publications or a minimum of 1.5 HERDC points*
and at least two of the following
- \$5,000 or more in HERDC income to CSU, *or*
- An additional 4 HERDC-eligible publications or 2 HERDC points *or*
- Chief Investigator on an external research grant administered by CSU *or*
- Supervision of an HDR student to completion within the three year output period.
** where a journal article/book chapter/conference publication generates a total of 1 point apportioned between authors and a book generates 5 HERDC points apportioned between authors*

In future this level to be the threshold for principal supervision of HDR students on CSU-funded scholarships

Tier 3 activity

- Research Centres and Faculties may wish to define a higher level of activity associated with research membership and/or leadership, as well as eligibility to receive research support funds they administer.