

ANU HDR SUPERVISION: *POLICY AND PRACTICE UPDATE 2026*

In this Update (March 2026; 9 slides):

- **Key policy and practice updates for 2026:**
 1. Revised *Procedure: HDR - Supervision*
 2. Revised *Procedure: HDR – thesis formats and editing*
 3. Revised *Procedure: HDR – candidature*

- **Resources to support good practice:**
 4. ANU Insight reporting – HDR Supervision
 5. ANU HDR Supervision Portal - Sharepoint and Canvas sites
 6. Other resources supporting HDR supervisors and candidates
 7. Resources on the *HDR Supervision Portal*



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1. Revised Procedure: HDR - supervision



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Procedure: Higher degree by research - Supervision

Outlines:


- Roles & responsibilities of supervisory panels
- Appointment process for panel members, & management of absences
- HDR Supervision Framework, & registration & renewal requirements

Specifically (clause 19) precludes supervision by:

- domestic partners or family members of the candidate or other panel members




2. Revised *Procedure: HDR – thesis formats ...*



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Procedure: Higher degree by research – thesis formats and editing

Purpose

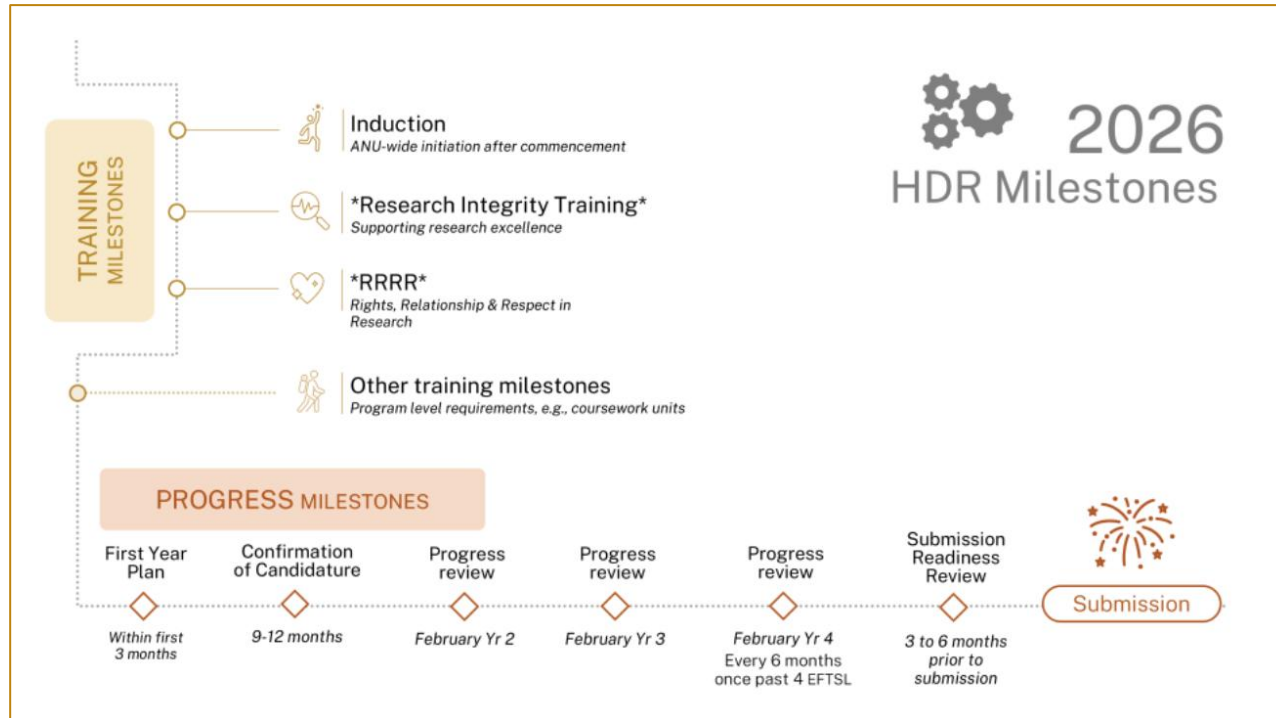
This document outlines the content, format, expectations and approval process for Higher degree by research theses. It covers all thesis types that can be submitted at ANU:

- Written thesis
- Thesis by publication
- Thesis by creative works
- Thesis by artefact.

It outlines the requirements for the editing of theses, and the use of confidential or restricted information in theses.

3. Revised Procedure: HDR – candidature

- Revised Milestone structure; more consistent language



4. ANU Insight – HDR Supervision reporting

ANU Insight Reporting summarises your HDR supervision registration status, your supervisory roles, and milestone details of candidates whom you supervise.

Supervisor: Peter Kanowski (U9513019)

Supervisor Registration Details

Required to register : Yes
Registration status : Registered
Registered until : 31/12/2026 12:00:00 AM
Next required registration action : 1 Renewal(s)
Registration due by : 31/12/2026 12:00:00 AM

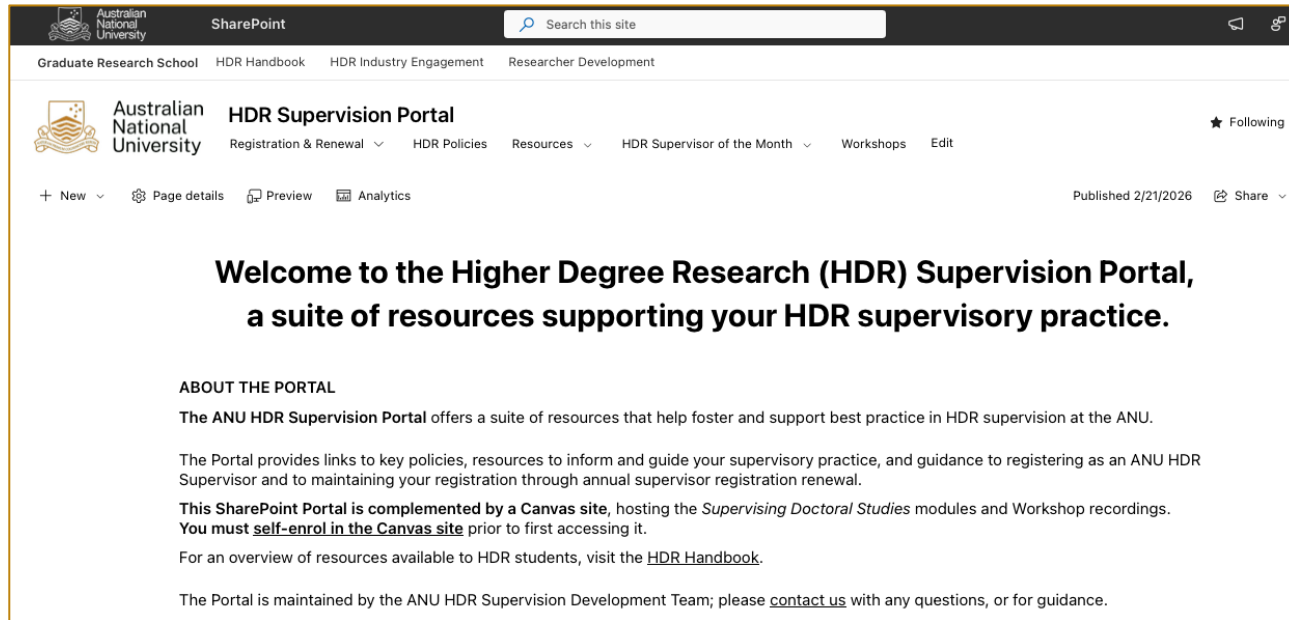
Current HDR Candidate Details and HDR Supervisory Panel Role(s)

Your Panel Role	Candidate UID	First Name	Last Name	Program/Plan Code	Program/Plan Name	Maximum Submission Date*	Research Career EFTSL**	Overdue Milestone(s)	Candidate Latest Milestone	Candidate Latest Milestone Date	Candidate Next Milestone	Candidate Next Milestone Date
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5a. HDR Supervision: Sharepoint & Canvas sites

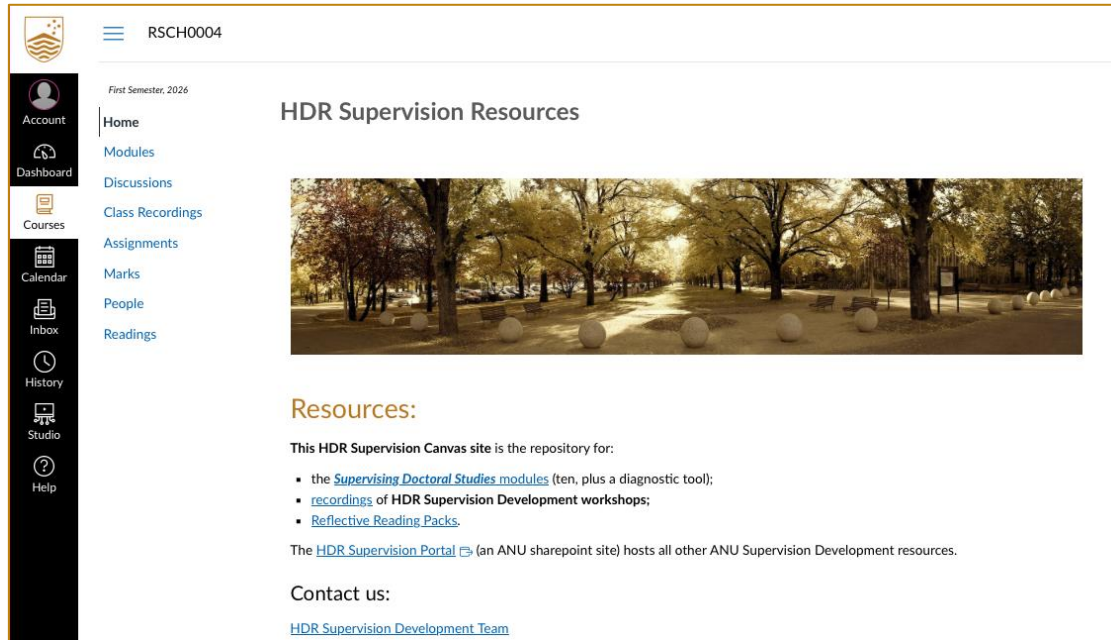
The HDR Supervision Portal has migrated to an ANU Sharepoint site; a linked Canvas site hosts Supervising Doctoral Studies and Workshop recordings.



The screenshot shows the SharePoint interface for the ANU HDR Supervision Portal. The top navigation bar includes the Australian National University logo, the text 'SharePoint', and a search bar. Below this, there are links for 'Graduate Research School', 'HDR Handbook', 'HDR Industry Engagement', and 'Researcher Development'. The main header features the ANU logo, the title 'HDR Supervision Portal', and a 'Following' star icon. A secondary navigation menu includes 'Registration & Renewal', 'HDR Policies', 'Resources', 'HDR Supervisor of the Month', 'Workshops', and 'Edit'. Below the header, there are options for '+ New', 'Page details', 'Preview', and 'Analytics', along with a 'Published 2/21/2026' date and a 'Share' button. The main content area displays a welcome message: 'Welcome to the Higher Degree Research (HDR) Supervision Portal, a suite of resources supporting your HDR supervisory practice.' Below this, there is a section titled 'ABOUT THE PORTAL' with the following text: 'The ANU HDR Supervision Portal offers a suite of resources that help foster and support best practice in HDR supervision at the ANU. The Portal provides links to key policies, resources to inform and guide your supervisory practice, and guidance to registering as an ANU HDR Supervisor and to maintaining your registration through annual supervisor registration renewal. This SharePoint Portal is complemented by a Canvas site, hosting the Supervising Doctoral Studies modules and Workshop recordings. You must self-enrol in the Canvas site prior to first accessing it. For an overview of resources available to HDR students, visit the HDR Handbook. The Portal is maintained by the ANU HDR Supervision Development Team; please contact us with any questions, or for guidance.'

5b. HDR Supervision: Sharepoint & Canvas sites

Our Canvas site hosts Supervising Doctoral Studies and Workshop recordings, and a copy of the reading packs. Register before first use at the [Sharepoint portal](#).



The screenshot shows a Canvas LMS interface for a course titled "RSCH0004". The left sidebar contains navigation options: Account, Dashboard, Courses, Calendar, Inbox, History, Studio, and Help. The main content area is titled "HDR Supervision Resources" and features a large image of a tree-lined path. Below the image, the text reads: "Resources: This HDR Supervision Canvas site is the repository for:

- the [Supervising Doctoral Studies modules](#) (ten, plus a diagnostic tool);
- [recordings](#) of HDR Supervision Development workshops;
- [Reflective Reading Packs](#).

 The [HDR Supervision Portal](#) (an ANU sharepoint site) hosts all other ANU Supervision Development resources. Contact us: [HDR Supervision Development Team](#)".

6. HDR Supervision: other resource sites

- [HDR Handbook](#)
- the primary resource for HDR candidates
- [HDR Industry Engagement](#)
- supporting external engagement and career development for HDR candidates
- [Researcher Development](#)
- the hub for HDR support, skills training, and research success
- [Statistical Support Network](#)
- supporting researchers in statistical aspects of their research

You may find these blogs and resources of interest:

- [Supervising PhDs](#) (Dr Kay Guccione, University of Glasgow)
- [The Thesis Whisperer](#) (Prof Inger Mewburn, ANU)
- [What makes PhD students happy?](#) *Nature* 22.10.2025



7. ANU HDR Supervision Resources – reminders

Access the *RRRR module* [here](#), & *Inclusive & Respectful Communities* resources [here](#).

- Completion of any of these activities qualifies as a registration renewal activity.

Through the **HDR Supervision Portal** and **Canvas** sites, you can access:

1. the *Supervising Doctoral Studies* package, comprising:

- a diagnostic tool to help make best use of the resources, and 10 modules which address key topics in HDR supervision.
- Completion of any 2 modules qualifies as a registration renewal activity.

2. *Blogs and Reading Packs* on topics of common interest, including:

Candidate wellbeing | Cohort supervision | Disrespectful relationships | Examination | Expectations & boundaries | First Nations candidates & topics | HDR carers | Oral examination | Panel supervision | Reflective practice | Remote supervision | Supervision in the culturally-diverse academy | Writing groups

- Completion of 1 Reading Pack qualifies as a registration renewal activity.

3. *Recordings of workshops*, including:

Enhancing employability | Ethics & Integrity | Managing supervisory relationships | Mental health

- Listening to 1 recording qualifies as a registration renewal activity.

