

# OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

## Higher Degrees by Research – Information Update No. 21

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Welcome to the latest Higher Degrees by Research Information Update. The aim of this publication is to provide staff with relevant and timely information about issues relating to higher degree administrative processes. In this issue:

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### Fee Information – International Higher Degree by Research Students

A new information sheet provides comprehensive details for International HDR students and their supervisors regarding tuition fees. The document is available at <http://research.curtin.edu.au/graduate/policies.cfm#fee> and covers important points on how tuition fees are calculated and invoiced, what happens when fees are outstanding and procedures for cancellation of enrolment if fees are not paid. Information to assist monitoring sponsored students and scholarship holders is also provided. Please bring this document to the attention of all international HDR students and supervisors for their information. FAQ's on this issue will also be provided on the Fees and Charges website in due course.

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### Turnitin Trial

The Turnitin Trial project is offering the use of Turnitin to HDR supervisors as part of the overall trial of Turnitin at Curtin University (<http://academicintegrity.curtin.edu.au/turnitin.html>). Supervisors may submit sections of their student's work to Turnitin without the issue or concern of copies of the student's work being retained by Turnitin. Turnitin is a useful tool for HDR students and their supervisors, enabling them to judge if the student's initial attempts at writing meet acceptable standards for academic integrity (especially at this level). Turnitin will reveal, for example, if the student has adequately understood the difference between quoting and paraphrasing. The student will be able to see graphically the results of their writing and the supervisor will be better able to gauge the student's strengths and weaknesses. It will also reveal if the text or parts of the text have been published or submitted by someone else previously. This is indicated by a 'percentage text match', which is the percentage of submitted text that has found to have a match in outside sources accessed by Turnitin. Supervisors who would like the opportunity to trial Turnitin with their HDR student/s during Semester 2 should contact Mike Williams, Project Manager: Turnitin Trial, Learning Support Network by phone (08) 9266 3329 or via [michael.williams@curtin.edu.au](mailto:michael.williams@curtin.edu.au).

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### Annual Progress Reports open until 31 August 2007

All Students and Supervisors are required to submit their Annual Progress Reports via the web-based system at <http://hdrforms.curtin.edu.au/>. Students and Supervisors will be able to login as many times as necessary to complete and/or amend reports during this period. The final reports will be those lodged in the system as at 1 September 2007. Information about the process, including downloadable lists of points to guide the Student and Supervisor's pre-APR discussions, are available from <http://research.curtin.edu.au/graduate/apr.cfm>. Please direct queries about the new APR process to the relevant Divisional Graduate Studies Officer (see <http://research.curtin.edu.au/graduate/contacts.cfm>).

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### Enriching Postgraduate Teaching and Learning Seminars

Latest program information, including online registration, is available from <http://research.curtin.edu.au/graduate/eptl.cfm>.

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### ATN LEAP & MORE

The next round of the ATN Learning Employment Aptitudes Program (LEAP) modules will commence on 3 September 2007. A Registration form is available at <http://research.curtin.edu.au/graduate/atnleap.html>. Registrations close 14 August. **The ATN Modules Online for Research Education (MORE) are now available.** Find out how to access the MORE website at <http://research.curtin.edu.au/graduate/atnmore.cfm>. MORE modules are available as self-paced independent study and include Ethics; Risk Management; Critical Writing; Critical and Creative Thinking; and Practice-led Research in Arts, Media and Design\*. (\*In August, there will be a pilot of the moderated version of this module for 5 weeks from 20th August.)

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### Scholarships Update

Please note closing dates for the scholarships below. For further information visit <http://www.scholarships.curtin.edu.au/>.

- Endeavour International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (EIPRS) and the Curtin International Research Tuition Scholarships (CIRTS) are open until **31 August 2007**.
- Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) and Curtin University Postgraduate Scholarships (CUPS) are open until **31 October 2007**.

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### Graduations – Deadline for Chairpersons' Reports

HDR students who wish to attend a graduation ceremony in September must have their 'Thesis Examination Report of Chairperson' approved by the DGSC and received by the Thesis Examinations Officer, ORD by **Friday 7 September 2007**.

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**Did you know ...** that HDR students who enrolled after 1/01/05 are required to submit an electronic copy of their final thesis to the Australasian Digital Thesis (ADT) Coordinator when they submit their final hard copies to the Office of R&D?

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