



UNSW HDR Self-Assessment Tool user guide

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The [UNSW HDR Self-Assessment Tool](#) is designed to provide prospective students with an indication of their admission eligibility and competitiveness for a scholarship into a Postgraduate Research Program (Research Doctorate or Research Masters).

The Tool is indicative only, and applicants should complete to the best of their ability.

Instructions

Complete each of the three sections (Academic Scores, Research Output, and Completion Potential) starting from the top. Please note that the form may change depending on your selections.

Note the Self-Assessment Tool is indicative only, and will not fit every situation. Please complete to the best of your ability. The University cannot advise what you should enter.

See the Frequently Asked Questions on page 4 if you have any questions regarding how to enter your details.

Academic Scores

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Are you applying as an International or Domestic Student? Domestic International

Please select UNSW faculty to which you are applying

Program Code (UNSW Handbook)

To obtain an indication of UNSW minimum admission and scholarship requirements, please enter your raw marks using the **last 2 years** of FTE study at the undergraduate/postgraduate level (of the most recent and relevant qualification to the HDR program).

Most recent and relevant degree Undergraduate Postgraduate

Please select country of most recent degree

Please select Institution

Does the selected institution appear in the **top 400 Times Higher Education World University Rankings list?** Yes No

Please Select Grading System

Average Raw Mark for 2nd Last Year

Average Raw Mark for Final Year

Research Output

Completion Potential

Research Output

Academic Scores

Research Output

Your assessment can be improved based on evidence of your research output, research experience and research potential. This assessment may include research publications, exhibitions, prizes and awards, and research potential.

Publication of Research Papers

Number of published books or chapters in an edited book?

Number of published research articles in a refereed international journal where sole author or first author/major contributor to article?

Number of significant major published or refereed full conference papers or a published research report?

Exhibitions

Number of international standard exhibitions in multiple venues, or a series of performances for which reviews in significant outlets are available (with a published catalogue/program)?

Number of exhibitions in a public gallery or museum or in a private gallery of standing in which the artist was invited to exhibit (with a published catalogue)?

Visual work(s) held in significant national or international collections or commissioned by Government or the corporate sector?

Professional / Research Experience

Relevant professional experience at a responsible level or direct research experience of at least two years since graduation (e.g. industry appointment, CSIRO etc.)

Yes No

Membership or fellowship of prestigious learned professional organisations by advanced study, examination and professional practice

Yes No

Previous research degree completed on time and with good examiner reports/grades

Yes No

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Completion Potential

Academic Scores

Research Output

Completion Potential

Research Strengths

Will you be working in one of the following areas? (Please refer to <http://research.unsw.edu.au/research-strengths>)

- Biomedical Sciences
- Water
- Environment and Sustainability
- Next Generation Materials and Technologies
- Social Policy
- Government and Health Policy
- ICT
- Robotics and Devices
- Business
- Law and Economics
- Fundamental and Enabling Sciences
- Contemporary Humanities and Creative Arts
- Defence and Security

Yes No

Are you a UNSW graduate?

Yes No

Research Contact

Before applying to UNSW, will you meet with your supervisor via Skype or other face-to-face personal interview?

Yes No

Do you have past experience at UNSW in the area of research relating to your application (e.g. practicum exchange) or from an established international collaboration?

Yes No

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Submit

You will be asked to enter your email address after you Submit.

Please enter your email address ✕

This email address will be used solely for the purpose of sending you an indicative recommendation based on the answers you have provided in this form

Email Address

Submit



Summary

Based on your answers, you will be provided with a summary and an indicative recommendation of your eligibility for admission and competitiveness for a scholarship. This summary can be printed as a PDF and/or emailed to the email address you entered. See buttons highlighted in red below.

Note, some scholarships require a stipend to be provided by Supervisor, School, Faculty or other research funding.

ID #

Date :

Based on your submitted marks

Academic Scores

Residency

Faculty

Degree

Marking System

Marks

Research Output & Experience

Output (Papers)

Output (Exhibitions)

Output (Experience)

Other

Research Strengths

Research Contact

Disclaimer

Please note that the indicative recommendation provided is for information purposes only. There is no guarantee given as to the accuracy or currency of any individual item on this website.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. I completed my degree more than 5 years ago but I have relevant research experience, can I still use this tool to get an indication of whether I would be eligible for admission or competitive for a scholarship?

A1. The tool is not intended to be used by applicants who have completed their degrees more than 5 years ago with relevant research experience or mature age students and applicants with extensive professional experience. Please contact the relevant school or faculty to assist with an initial assessment.

Q2. The defaulted grading system for my country is not the same grading system as used by my institution, can I change this?

A2. The grading system field has been setup to allow applicants to change to the most appropriate grading system as used by individual institutions. Please note that using an incorrect grading system will result in an inaccurate output from the self-assessment tool

Q3. I have completed a 1 year degree, how do I enter "Average Raw Mark for 2nd Last Year" and "Average Raw Mark for Final Year"?

A3. Use the same mark for both the "Average Raw Mark for 2nd Last Year" and the "Average Raw Mark for Final Year".

Q4. I have completed a Research Masters (> 50% research) where there is 1 or 2 years of coursework and a thesis mark for the research component, how do I enter "Average Raw Mark for 2nd Last Year" and "Average Raw Mark for Final Year"?

A4. Use the average coursework mark for the "Average Raw Mark for 2nd Last Year" and the research thesis mark for the "Average Raw Mark for Final Year".

Q5. What is the meaning of FTE?

A5. Full time equivalent

Q6. My Research thesis did not have a mark. What grade do I enter as the Average Raw Mark?

A6. Use the grade which is the cut-off for the highest grade class at your Institute. E.g. High Distinction may be scores 85/100 and above, so you would enter 85.

Q7. My University is not showing in the list of available institutions. What should I select?

A7. Select "Other", or if not available, select an equivalent institution.

Q8. Can I have someone at UNSW check my eligibility?

A8. UNSW is not able to assess your eligibility prior to application & document submission. Prior to this, you should use the Self-Assessment tool to get an indication of your eligibility. You can also discuss your eligibility with your Supervisor prior to applying.

If there are any issues accessing the self-assessment tool please email:

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