

Information for Students: How to Convert to Another HDR Program

Higher Degree by Research Students

Transferring to a Higher-Level HDR Course (e.g. Master's to PhD)

Students wishing to transfer to a higher-level HDR course, such as from a Master's to a PhD, must apply during **Milestone 2** of their current program.

To be eligible, students must:

- Show **exceptional academic progress**, and
- Present a **revised research project** with enough depth and breadth to meet the requirements of the higher-level degree.

Application requirements include (1x combined PDF attached as Supporting Documents):

- Written support from your **supervisors**
- A statement detailing your research progress and reasons for transferring

The **Milestone Review Panel** will assess the application and make a recommendation. Final approval (including exceptional cases) is given by the **Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research (ADVCR)** or their delegate.

If approved, all previously time consumed will carry over to the new course. If not approved, the student remains in their current HDR course.

Transferring to Another HDR Course at the Same Level (e.g. PhD to PhD)

Students who have passed **Milestone 1** and wish to move to another HDR course at the same level (e.g. PhD to another PhD) can apply using the standard **HDR enrolment form**.

Once approved by the relevant school, the Graduate Research School will transfer the student into the new course. All prior time consumed will carry over.

Transferring from a Doctoral to a Master's HDR Course

Students may be approved to transfer **from a Doctoral to a Master's level** HDR program at any time during enrolment. The ADVCR (or delegate) must approve the change.

Important: Students who transfer from a Doctoral to Master's HDR course must **complete that course** before they can be considered for admission to a Doctoral HDR course again.