

## Guidelines for Doctoral and Masters Degree Equivalence

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1. Equivalence shall be established by Faculty Graduate Studies Committees (FGSC) either at the time a prospective supervisor is proposed as a supervisor for either a Masters or Doctoral student, or when a prospective supervisor makes an application to the FGSC for equivalent status to be granted.
2. If the prospective supervisor is the current supervisor of a doctoral level candidate, or has successfully supervised a doctoral level candidate to completion, then doctoral degree equivalence shall be established. Similarly, if the prospective supervisor is the current supervisor of a master's level candidate, or has successfully supervised a master's level candidate to completion, then master's degree equivalence shall be established.
3. When the prospective supervisor has no prior successful supervisory experience, equivalence shall be established by the FGSC based on submission of a Curriculum Vitae and a letter of support from the Head of School with due consideration to evidence of standing in the particular field which may include reference to publications, patents, creative works, research income and invitations which reflect a high level of academic standing in the field.

### Notes:

Co-Supervisors shall be assessed according to these guidelines.

It would normally be expected that prior to taking on supervision of a Doctoral student, a candidate would have undertaken successful supervision as an Associate Supervisor or the supervision of a Master's (by Research) student.

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