

## **Advisor News (1, 2021)**

### **Advisor Mentor and Primary Advanced Requirements**

Are you an advisor looking at next steps? Please consider your eligibility to request an elevation to your advisor registration status. Liaise with your ADRE who will welcome discussing with you, your role and expectations for progress. If you have one PhD completion you can apply to be a Primary Advisor Advanced. If you have two completions and at least one as Primary Advisor and at least one as PhD you can apply to be Advisor Mentor. For more details visit:

<https://www.jcu.edu.au/graduate-research-school/advisors/becoming-an-advisor>

### **GradImpact – Council of Graduate Schools**

The Council of Graduate Schools maintains a site to promote the work of outstanding graduates. As a member institution of the US Council of Graduate Schools, JCU is eligible to submit nominations for their Graduate Impact page, please contact me if you have a suitable candidate you would like to see showcased: [CGS GradImpact | Council of Graduate Schools \(cgsnet.org\)](https://www.cgsnet.org/)

### **Professional Development 2021**

The 2021 HDR Advisor Professional Development program is available to help you plan ahead your engagement with other advisors through attendance at workshops and events on advising. The theme for this year is timely progress. Topics are intended to let you hear and think about the focus and scope of candidates work and how to structure the research work and thesis to respond to their capacity and interests.

### **GRS HDR Advisor Coordinator moves to Cairns March 2021**

As the year begins I am heading to Cairns and will commence work from Cairns at the beginning for March. I look forward to connecting more with staff on the Cairns campus, and will continue to build and sustain relationships built with staff in Townsville and Singapore and elsewhere around the country. While travel isn't a top priority I will endeavor to be virtually present. Please reach out as needed, I look forward to continuing to work with the JCU HDR Advisory community.

### **Completions funding**

A common question in the sector is around how completions funding is calculated. In particular what the implications are where a candidate is over time. Please go to the [government website](#) to see the exact modelling. As an advisor two key points are worth keeping in mind. One is that JCU will receive completions funding based on a count of the total number of HDR completions reported to the government each year. That count includes cotutelle graduates and over time graduates. Second the monies received account for completion, not time taken to completion. The university and advisory panel has a duty of care to support candidature, mindful of the common goal of timely completion, recognizing candidates capacity and changing circumstances and knowing there will be swings and roundabouts with candidates taking more or less than the time available.