Research Candidate Supervisor Training

The accreditation of supervisors at ACU is guided by the following process and by the Policy and Procedures for the Accreditation of Research Supervisors (PDF, 515.59 KB). Staff members are invited to apply for three types of supervision accreditation: Principal Supervisor; Co-Supervisor and Assistant Supervisor.

**Principal Supervisors** are required to meet the following criteria:
- □ have an appointment of at least .4 FTE at the university
- □ demonstrate evidence of an appropriate qualification as described in the Research and Professional Doctorate Degree Regulations; and
- □ meet the ACU criteria for being classified as research active with evidence of high quality publications
- □ demonstrate a track record of effective supervision of graduate research candidates as confirmed by degree completions at ACU or elsewhere and illustrated by a statement of supervisory practice; and
- □ have completed the ACU graduate research supervisor training program or a similar program at another higher education institution; or
- other combinations of experience and qualifications as deemed appropriate by the Dean of Research.

**Co-Supervisors** are required to meet the following criteria:
- □ have an appointment of at least .4 FTE at the university
- □ demonstrate evidence of an appropriate qualification as described in the Research and Professional Doctorate Degree Regulations; and
- □ meet the ACU criteria for being classified as research active with evidence of high quality publications
- □ demonstrate a track record of effective supervision of graduate research candidates as confirmed by degree completions at ACU or elsewhere and illustrated by a statement of supervisory practice; and
- □ be in the process of completing the ACU graduate research supervisor training program or a similar program at another higher education institution.

**Assistant Supervisors** are staff members who, on the advice of the Associate Dean Research are transitioning to research active status. Additional criteria are:
- □ have an appointment of at least .4 FTE
- demonstrate evidence of an appropriate qualification as described in the Research and Professional Doctorate Degree Regulations
- show evidence of high quality research outputs
- demonstrate a commitment to effective supervision of graduate research candidates as illustrated by a statement of supervisory practice; and
- be in the process of completing (or have completed) the ACU supervisor training program or a similar program at another higher education institution;
  or
  other combinations of experience and qualifications as deemed appropriate by the Dean of Research.

**Queries regarding your eligibility** should be referred to the Associate Dean (Research) for your Faculty.

**Training**

The first stage of supervisor accreditation for early career researchers involves completing the Graduate Research Supervisor Training Program within a 12 month period. The program comprises four modules:

**Modules 1 & 2**

- Face-to-face training delivered annually at various ACU campuses (subject to a minimum attendance of 10).
- Course availability will be advertised on the ACU Staff Bulletin.

**Modules 3 & 4**

- Online training available all year around on the ACU Learning Environment Online (LEO).

**How to apply for accreditation?**

Complete a request to be accredited through the Research Expertise Register (RexR). Log in to the RexR system with your ACU network credentials. Select “Getting started on RexR” and follow the instruction on the screen.

Accreditation requests are sent to the Head of Department, the Associate Dean (Research) and the Dean of Research. You will be notified by email regarding the outcome of your request.