

The University of Adelaide  
School of Dentistry  
Research Committee

**Submission of PhD Thesis by Publication**

1. It is expected that a PhD research would generate a number of manuscripts. Most successful dissertations generate sufficient work for publication of three manuscripts. Clearly, there are exceptions where some candidates generate a greater number of papers and, in some instances, a single very substantial paper (with significant outcomes) may be considered to be sufficient.
2. Publishing a paper in a journal subject to independent, peer review is regarded within disciplines in Dentistry as being a very creditable achievement. Thus, in general, the student's work should be of a sufficient standard to be accepted for publication or published in a relevant journal with an Impact Factor and acceptable position in the ISI ranking. Once again, there might be reasonable exceptions.
3. Candidates should furnish to the Board of Examiners all correspondence between the author(s) and the journal editor so that the Board can verify the rigor of peer review.
4. Multiple authorship is the norm in our disciplines. The candidate should usually be the first author of the publication, but there might be justifiable exceptions. In the event of multiple authorship, all co-authors should provide an account of their relative contribution to the work and there should be unanimous agreement amongst all authors of the prime contribution of the candidate.
5. In terms of the format of the dissertation, the School recommends the following:
  - (a) Each publication should be thematically linked to the other publications to ensure that the dissertation has a strong common theme.
  - (b) The structure of the dissertation should be a comprehensive literature review (Chapter 1), linking sections between each publication to introduce the aims and hypotheses of each publication, and a final section, which in a scholarly manner, discusses and concludes the work.
6. The dissertation will be processed in the normal manner including approval to submit from supervisors, involvement of a Board of Examiners and the appointment of external examiners to report on the dissertation.
7. All Academic Program rules need to be complied with.

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