

## **School of Population Health and Clinical Practice**

### **Submission of PhD thesis by publication**

#### **GUIDELINES**

These guidelines are intended to provide direction for students who plan to submit for the degree of PhD by publication and for their supervisors. These guidelines are based on, and expand upon, those outlined in the Academic Program rules for PhD by publication outlined in the Adelaide Graduate Centre's Postgraduate Program Rules (PhD rule 9.3).

1. The published papers must relate to a common, cohesive research topic which forms a cohesive research narrative; they must meet criteria for critical scholarship, originality and a substantial contribution to knowledge as specified in the University's PhD rules; and they must be presented as a dissertation in the form specified by the Adelaide Graduate Centre's Specifications for Thesis, including:
  - a comprehensive literature review that establishes the context of the thesis;
  - a portfolio of publications with the rationale and aims of the research and demonstration of the linkages between publications;
  - a conclusion showing overall significance of the research as a contribution to knowledge.
2. In the School, PhD theses generally result in research findings sufficient to generate between three and four publications. As a guide, three publications will be acceptable. There may be variations for substantial publications with very high impact and/or a high level of contribution to knowledge.
3. The publications must report on research that has been undertaken during the candidature and be certified as accepted for publication following peer review, consistent with DEST requirements. Papers submitted but not yet confirmed as accepted will not be eligible for consideration. Publications must not have been accepted for any other University award.
4. The Head of School and/or Discipline Head, in conjunction with postgraduate supervisors, should assess the worthiness of relevant peer-reviewed journals prior to a candidate submitting their work for publication. They should also be willing to justify, in writing at the time of submission of the thesis for examination, the choice of journal(s) in terms of academic merit.
5. Where the papers have multiple authors, the PhD candidate must be the first author and primary contributor, and the co-authors must provide an account of their respective contributions.