

EXTENSION OF CANDIDATURE AND TUITION FEES GUIDELINES



The maximum program length for doctoral degrees (PhD; Professional Doctorates) is 4 full-time equivalent years; for a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) it is 2 full-time equivalent years – for exceptions, see 'Automatic Extensions of Candidature' below. If you are unable to submit your thesis for examination by your candidature end-date, you must submit an [Application for Extension of Candidature Form](#) at least four weeks before your thesis is due for submission.

It is impossible to predict all extenuating circumstances and accordingly each case will be considered individually. You are advised to talk with your supervisors and/or UON Graduate Research about any circumstances that arise that may impact on your HDR progress so that timely intervention and guidance can be developed to support you to successful completion of your program.

AUTOMATIC EXTENSIONS OF CANDIDATURE

Your candidature will be automatically extended if you have been granted a Leave of Absence (LoA) or you are placed on a period of exclusion or academic suspension. Note that HDR candidature includes various leave provisions as specified in the [HDR FAQ](#).

Domestic candidates may also be eligible to change their study load from full-time to part-time. A part-time scholarship may only be approved where you are able to demonstrate heavy carer commitments or a medical condition. If approved, your candidature will be extended on a pro-rated basis.