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ASSESSING YOUR SKILLS

This module is designed to get you thinking about life after your research degree.

Around 25 per cent of HDR graduates take up careers in academia. Others choose positions in government and industry. Whether you are looking to develop a career in academia or to work with industry, your future employer will be seeking a connected, rounded candidate with a range of skills. The great news is that a QUT research degree allows you to develop all these skills and more while you study, with flexible, multimodal options you can tailor to your own needs and goals.

12.1 Assessing your skills with the HDR Skills Audit tool

Your QUT HDR course encompasses more than just your research project. It incorporates a range of training, opportunities and resources available to QUT HDR students. Taking advantage of these empowers you to graduate QUT with a ‘degree +’ and be competitive in the job market, regardless of your career path.

Start thinking about your future now! To get started, assess your skills using the HDR Skills Audit tool.

The HDR Skills Audit tool is a compulsory component of your Stage 2 (PhD) or Research proposal (MPhil) milestone, and sharing yours with your supervisory team is a great way to start conversations about your future career path, and about additional optional training you might like to complete during your HDR. Your skills are always evolving, so be sure to revisit the Skills Audit tool to check your progress and set new goals as your candidature progresses – at least once a year. This will allow you to recognise your strengths, and areas for development.

Complete the HDR Skills Audit tool

Personalise your learning: Advance, lead, engage

All HDR learning and experiences on offer at QUT are divided into three pathways: Advance, Lead, and Engage. These pathways have been designed to allow you to easily identify skills embedded within all HDR learning offerings. Once you’ve done the HDR Skills Audit, you can use these labels to investigate offerings that meet your skills training needs. You will see that all the training offered at QUT is divided into these pathways, so you can easily navigate according to your needs.

The Advance pathway focuses on your research skills, the Lead pathway hones your professional, transferable skills, and the Engage pathway helps you engage with industry and innovation.
Maximise your skills with GRE+D and e-Grad School

The Graduate Research Education and Development (GRE+D) team curate and manage training for HDRs at QUT. We offer a range of face-to-face workshops, moderated online modules, quick self-paced modules, and short video tasters to help you explore and choose the skills areas you’d like to develop. There are many training providers helping HDRs at QUT, so GRE+D helps connect you with training throughout the university (including the flexible, five-week online modules offered by award-winning e-Grad School).

Every research student is on a different journey and has different goals. The GRE+D framework allows you to select training from across the university, regardless of whether you want to…

Be an academic

- Transdisciplinarity in research
- Build your Research Profile
- Attend/Present at a conference
- 3-Minute Thesis/Visualise your thesis
- Teaching Advantage program
- Business School sponsorship

Become a better teacher

- Teaching Advantage program
- HEA fellowship
- 3-Minute Thesis/Visualise your thesis
- Critical and creative thinking

Engage with industry

- Transdisciplinarity in research
- Project Management
- 3-Minutes Thesis/Visualise your thesis
- Mentoring Program
- Participate in a hackathon
- Networking and Communicating your research

Be an entrepreneur

- Demystifying IP workshop
- Entrepreneurship
- Participating in a hackathon
- QUT Foundry
- QUT bluebox events/training
- Startup spark workshop series

… and much more. Visit the GRE+D pages on the Research Students’ community on the HiQ site, and keep an eye out for the GRE+D fortnightly email alerts to keep informed about upcoming opportunities and training.

Putting it all together: QUT Internships

QUT HDR students can undertake funded internships during examination. Partnering with industry and an academic mentor, you’ll develop a project to be completed over about three months. During this time you’ll demonstrate your leadership and communication skills, engage with industry, extend your networks, and broaden your job prospects. Internships are open to MPhil, PhD, Domestic and International candidates, but places are limited. Register your interest or email hdr.intern@qut.edu.au for more information.