

Returning back to campus, effective 10 Nov 2021

Update for HDR candidates

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The University community will begin [returning to campus, effective 10 November 2021](#).

- **All staff, students and contractors entering an indoor campus setting for work or study purposes are required to be fully vaccinated.**
- According to the ACT Government, you are considered fully vaccinated if at least 14 days have passed since you have received the recommended schedule of doses required for a complete course of a TGA-approved or recognised COVID-19 vaccination. [The ACT Health website and ACT Roadmap Forward](#) has more details.
- Because the ACT Government has maintained density limits for indoor venues (1:4 ratio and 1.5m physical distance), please check with your faculty about how frequently, or at what times, you can access your working spaces.

HDR candidates can return within the specified guidelines for accessing the campus, and are required to be **fully vaccinated** – further information on the conditions for returning back to campus [click here](#).

COVID-19 vaccination certificate

To make things easier to manage, we recommend that HDR candidates:

- arrange for their [Faculty HDR Convenor/Associate Dean Research – Higher Degree by Research](#) to have sighted their COVID-19 vaccination certificate, and
- carry evidence of their COVID-19 vaccination certificate with them when they are on campus (many of you will have uploaded a digital record on your phone or mobile device).

As some HDR candidates may be feeling uncomfortable with the request to provide proof of their COVID-19 vaccination status, here are some options:

1. You can set up a MS Teams/Zoom meeting, so the staff member can view it virtually.
2. You can email the PDF version to the staff member, who will acknowledge receipt and then delete it.

There is no requirement for HDR candidates to follow these suggested options, but you will need to arrange for an appropriate Faculty staff member to have viewed your COVID-19 vaccination certificate to return back the UC campus.

Thesis Submission

There will be a drop off box outside the Graduate Research Office 1B5 for HDR candidates who need to drop off a hard copy of their final thesis. Notify the HDR Support team on hdrsupport@canberra.edu.au or phone 02 6206 8370 once you have dropped off your thesis.

Graduate Research Office

The Graduate Research team will begin returning to campus in a phased way from Mon, 15 November. However, to maintain the safety and wellbeing of our GR team and our students, staff and UC community, the Graduate Research office will remain closed for in person appointments.

The GR team will continue to be available to assist you via email, phone or MS Teams.

- [HDR Support Team](#) for all your HDR candidature enquiries or phone 02 6206 8370. Our virtual 'drop in' sessions are available on the GR website - [click here](#).
- [ReD Program Team](#) with any enquiries about ECARD, Writers Groups, HDR Wellbeing program, UC's Big Research Pitch, 3MT etc.
- [Graduate Research](#) for other enquiries.