



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for HDR Submission with Publication

Authorship

Can any paper to which I have contributed be included in my thesis?

You will have contributed at least 50% of the content of each publication and are the “primary author” i.e. were primarily responsible for the planning, execution and preparation of the work for publication.

How do you know the publications are my work?

All co-authors must sign the declaration of authorship to indicate they agree that your stated contribution to the publication (in both quantitative and qualitative terms) is accurate.

Do I need to be the first author?

Whilst you do not need to be the primary author on all publications, this would normally be the case having contributed more than 50 per cent of the work. The primary author is primarily responsible for the planning, execution and preparation of work for publication. The primary author may not be the first named author.

How many publications are required?

There is no defined number of publications. There will be variation by discipline. The main consideration is that the material presented for examination should equate to that which would otherwise be presented using the traditional thesis format. This is a matter of professional judgement for yourself and your supervisors.

What if I can't obtain a co-author's signature?

If a co-author is not in Adelaide and is unable to physically sign the Statement of Authorship, the following options are acceptable on condition that the co-author has been provided with a copy of the proposed Statement and agrees with the claims therein:

- I. A scanned or electronic signature; or
- II. Sign-off by your Principal Supervisor in place of the co-author, after citing evidence of the co-author's agreement (e.g. via email).
In this circumstance, whilst it is not necessary to include evidence of the co-author's agreement in your thesis, it is important that you retain an appropriate record.

In the event that a co-author cannot be contacted despite best endeavours to do so, it is acceptable for your Principal Supervisor to sign in place of the co-author, as long as all other co-authors have accepted the proposed Statement of Authorship.

To minimise the possibility of being unable to obtain a co-author signature, it is essential to discuss authorship issues and prepare a Statement of Authorship as each publication is developed, rather than leaving this task until the end of your candidature.



Do I need to provide the Graduate Centre with proof that my paper has been accepted and in press, or has been published?

No. You should provide this evidence to your supervisors when you are discussing the proposed format for your thesis and retain your own records in case of future queries.

Are there any copyright considerations I need to be aware of?

Yes, you should check the copyright status of all papers you plan to include in your thesis. Most publishers require transfer of copyright to them in order to publish, but will allow a paper to be included in a thesis. Some state this explicitly, whereas others do not.

Further information is available at: www.adelaide.edu.au/legalandrisk/copyright/study-research/ and in the University's copyright policy: www.adelaide.edu.au/policies/2643/

In addition, the University's Copyright Coordinator may be contacted for advice: www.adelaide.edu.au/library/library-services/copyright-advice/copyright-and-theses

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