

Guidelines for Determining H1 and H2A Equivalence

The following table lists criteria approved to judge Honours 1 (H1 and H1E) for scholarships and Honours 2A (H2A and H2AE) for admission equivalency eligibility.

H1 or H1E for Scholarships*

- Eligibility for most QUT-funded scholarships (excluding the IPRA and WRE) requires First Class Honours (H1)

H1 Actual: A completed Australian Bachelor Honours Degree¹ in the First Class (H1) **OR**

H1E Actual (O/S): A completed overseas qualification comparable to the educational level of an Australian Bachelor Degree¹:

- with a duration of normally no less than 4 years (either as a four year award or a three year Bachelor followed by an end on Honours year) **AND**
- an overall GPA comparable to at least a 6.0 on a 7-point scale (where pass = 4) for a four year award or a 6.5 on a 7-point scale (where pass=4 for a 1 year end on honours **AND**
- containing a significant and major thesis, dissertation, design project or creative work that has been
 - ⇒ successfully examined by at least two examiners² **OR**
 - ⇒ Awarded a grade of at least 6.0 on a 7-point scale (where pass =4)

H1E (Completed Masters by Research): A completed domestic or overseas qualification comparable to the educational level of an Australian Masters Degree (by Research)^{1,3} **OR**

H1E (Completed Masters O/S): A completed overseas qualification containing:

- a significant research component⁴ of at least 50%; **AND**
- awarded an overall grade of at least a Distinction and/or at least 75% **OR**

H1E (Completed Coursework Masters): A completed Australian Masters by Coursework or overseas qualification (comparable to the educational level of an Australian Masters by Coursework Degree) containing:

- a relevant research component⁴ of at least 25% **AND**
- documented relevant research experience⁵ **AND**
- awarded an overall grade of at least a Distinction and/or at least 75% **OR**

H1E (Completed 4-year Bachelor): A completed Australian or overseas qualification containing:

- a relevant research component⁴ **AND**
- at least three years of documented relevant research⁵ **OR**

H1E (a current enrolment) with:

- a timely Doctoral Confirmation of Candidature⁶; **OR**
- a timely Articulation⁶ (from a Masters Degree by Research)^{1,3}

H2A or H2AE for Admission

- Admission to the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) requires a minimum equivalence level of Upper Second Class (H2A)

H2A Actual: A completed Australian Bachelor Honours Degree¹ in the Upper Second Class (H2A) **OR**

H2AE Argument: A completed overseas qualification comparable to the educational level of an Australian Bachelor Degree¹:

- with a duration of normally no less than 4 years **AND**
- an overall GPA comparable to between 5.0 and 5.9 on a 7-point scale (where pass = 4) **AND**
- containing a significant and major thesis, dissertation, design project or creative work that has been
 - ⇒ examined by at least two examiners² **OR**
 - ⇒ has a grade comparable to between 5.0 and 5.9 on a 7-point scale (where pass = 4) **OR**

H2AE (M by CW): A completed Australian Masters Degree¹, or a completed qualification comparable to the educational level of an Australian Masters Degree¹,

- with greater than 25% research **AND**
- an overall GPA of at least 5.0 on a 7-point scale (where pass = 4) **OR**

H2AE Argument: A current doctoral enrolment with either:

- a non-timely Doctoral Confirmation of Candidature⁶ **OR**
- a non-timely⁶ Articulation from Masters Degree (Research) **OR**
- a completed Doctoral Stage 2 milestone

¹ For the purpose of its admission and scholarship assessment process, QUT uses Australian Education International's National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (NOOSR) and the National Recognition Information Centre for the United Kingdom (UK-NARIC) to assist in determining the comparability of an overseas qualification to an appropriate level of Australian qualification.

² A copy of the research work and both examiners reports must be submitted. Examiners may not be part of the supervisory team. Where the examiners reports are written in a language other than English a complete, certified translation must be provided.

³ The Australian Qualification Framework's definition of a research degree requires it to contain a minimum of 2/3 (66.7%) research, research training and independent study.

⁴ Relevant[^] Research component: Courses that encompass learning outcomes that establish research skills through course work content and assessment. For instance, undertaking an individually produced (and supervised) research project that includes a written report with a combined minimum course volume equivalent, or more than four units at QUT, as completed as part of a bachelors degree or coursework masters degree. Research carried out in groups should at least have been graded individually.

⁵ Relevant[^] research experience must be evidenced. Relevant research experience demonstrates research 'preparedness' in that you have planned and executed research work and/or a body of research and scholarship with independence. Research preparedness can be demonstrated by providing evidence in at least one of the following ways:

- Scholarly papers involving a substantial contribution as an author, appearing in relevant quality* academic journals or in volumes published by academic publishers(*iist/scimago score provided by Faculty).
- Relevant research or technical reports prepared for industry, government or business, which adhere to the broad conventions of academic publishing (i.e. contain an up-to-date review of relevant literature, a description of relevant research methods and an evaluation of results, etc.) and which identify you as a significant contributor.
- A portfolio of relevant published creative work together with published critical discussion of some or all of that work, or of a comparable body of work by others, and which demonstrates your development of a scholarly approach to creative work as research investigation.
- Proven relevant industry or work experience, of at least two years, where you can demonstrate that you have planned and executed a research project, working with a high level of independence.

⁶For the purpose of QUT's admission and scholarship assessment process, a 'timely' doctoral confirmation of candidature and 'timely' articulation is one that is completed not more than 13 months FTE after commencement of the degree.

**If you do not hold one of the above qualifications, you will only be considered for a scholarship if you have significant relevant research experience in which case you may be referred to the Dean for consideration, based on Faculty advice*

^ The term 'relevant' in this context refers to the faculty or field of research the applicant is applying to enter

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