

# HDR INTERVENTION STRATEGIES INFORMATION SHEET



## WHAT IS AN INTERVENTION STRATEGY?

An intervention strategy is a means of addressing concerns that a HDR candidate is at risk of not completing their degree. It may be prompted by a candidate's unsatisfactory progress report, failure to be confirmed in their degree, not meeting conditions attached to their offer or at any stage throughout their studies as a result of the identification of significant impediment to progress.

The purpose of an intervention strategy is to get the candidate back on track with their research and ensure timely, successful completion. It will document the actions a candidate is required to undertake and a clear timeframe for meeting those actions. Examples of required actions include:

- Literature Review
- Updated Chapter/s
- Evidence of Data Collection
- Complete technical training
- Attend weekly meetings with supervisors
- Submit thesis to supervisors for review
- Submit thesis for examination.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF AN INTERVENTION STRATEGY?

Failure to meet a requirement of an intervention strategy may result in a HDR candidate's continued candidature being reviewed with a request to show cause to the Research Training Sub-Committee, as per Rule 167(m) (and any other relevant rules) of the [Rules Governing Higher Degrees by Research](#).

An intervention strategy may be approved by the Dean of Graduate Research.

## WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE TO CANDIDATES?

In addition to providing HDR candidates with a list of requirements that need to be met in an intervention strategy, it is important that they are provided with appropriate support to facilitate their success. Some of this support may come directly from supervisors, but candidates should also be aware of other forms of support that are available in regards to both academic and non-academic issues.

More information on academic support is available on the [UON Graduate Research webpages](#). See 'Research Support'.

The university has a comprehensive program of non-academic [support services](#) available to all students, including the Counselling Service. There are tailored support services for international students, Indigenous students or those who require disability support.

As a postgraduate student, you are a member of the [Newcastle University Postgraduate Students' Association](#) (NUPSA). NUPSA supports postgraduate students in a number of ways, including academic and skills-based workshops, social events, clubs and societies, providing a support network and important advocacy work.