



Division of Research and Development

Guidelines for Appropriate Fieldnames for Postgraduate Research Degrees

Students enrolled in the 36 point *Research Masters with training*, who will have been enrolled in a Masters in their School of study, *must* designate a fieldname for their degree prior to submission. Masters students will graduate with the title of Master of <fieldname>.

The fieldname is to be designated by the student in consultation with the supervisor, and in accordance with the guidelines set out below. The Dean of Graduate Studies is the final arbiter of the appropriateness of fieldnames.

Selected fieldnames should be notified to the Research Degrees Officer by completing the appropriate form at the time of the submission of the Thesis title, abstract and examination details 2 months prior to the expected submission date.

Guidelines

- Fieldnames must be no more than 90 characters; and use only plain English letters and numbers (foreign alphabets or symbols are not allowed)
- Fieldnames will normally be at the level of generality and intelligibility of a recognised discipline or interdisciplinary field. This means that they will generally approximate the nearest undergraduate discipline or major of study. Examples of appropriate fieldnames are Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Environmental Science, History, Journalism, Media Studies, Sociology, Sustainable Development, Women's Studies.
- The name chosen may not duplicate the title of any Masters by coursework degree offered by the University (where those degree titles are exemptions to the nomenclature policy on postgraduate qualifications), or any existing professional research degree (i.e. Master of Laws, Master of Education).
- For more interdisciplinary Schools of Study, consideration will be given to a limited number of additional fieldnames (eg urban planning, environmental policy). An explicit case for consideration of these must be made to the Dean of Graduate Studies.



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Application for Fieldname for Graduation (RMT)

Student Details

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| Surname: | Student Number: |
| Given Name: | Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms etc): |
| Faculty: | |
| Current Mailing Address: | |
| Email Address: | |
| Proposed Field Name: Master of (Please refer to guidelines overleaf) | |
| Signature: _____ Date: _____ | |
| Signature of Supervisor: _____ Date: _____ | |

Please note this form needs to be lodged with the Graduate Centre (Level 1, Chancellery) at the time of submission of the abstract and final title of the thesis (approximately 2 months prior to submission).

**Approved/Not Approved
Dean of Graduate Studies**

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**Actioned
Research Degrees Officer**

Date: