

## Guidelines on Accreditation of Supervisors

University of Auckland staff must have accreditation in order to supervise graduate student research. The requirements for this accreditation are outlined below. These requirements apply to all University of Auckland staff, but are not necessarily applicable to external co-supervisors who are not staff members of the University.

### Doctoral supervisors

To become a main supervisor and maintain accreditation, academic staff must:

- attend the Orientation to Doctoral Education Policy and Process (ORIDOC) seminar (applies to those appointed since 1 February 2001)
- attend a doctoral briefing at least once every five years
- be in permanent employment with the University of Auckland, or contracted by the University of Auckland for sufficient time to see a candidate through to completion
- be employed in an academic staff position where the employment agreement includes a requirement that they undertake research
- be research active

and should normally:

- hold a doctoral degree or equivalent
- have supervised a doctoral candidate through to completion as a co-supervisor at the University of Auckland or as a main supervisor at another university.

### Doctoral co-supervisors

To become an accredited co-supervisor, academic staff must:

- attend the Orientation to Doctoral Education Policy and Process (ORIDOC) seminar (applies to those appointed since 1 February 2001)
- be in permanent employment with the University of Auckland, or contracted by the University of Auckland for sufficient time to see a candidate through to completion
- be employed in an academic staff position where the employment agreement includes a requirement that they undertake research
- be research active.

### Masters supervisors

It is recommended that an academic new to supervision is mentored by a senior colleague experienced in supervision, or that they co-supervise with a more experienced colleague before undertaking the role as sole supervisor of a masters student.

To become an accredited masters supervisor, academic staff must:

- attend the Orientation to Doctoral Education Policy and Process (ORIDOC) seminar (applies to those appointed since 1 February 2001)
- have at least a masters degree *or* have equivalent research experience and, if required, have appropriate professional experience
- be employed in an academic staff position where the employment agreement includes a requirement that they undertake research
- be research active.

In addition, staff who are new to doctoral or masters supervision should attend the CLear workshop The Art of Graduate Research Supervision.

Background information and explanatory notes on the accreditation of supervisors may be found under [Postgraduate policies, guidelines and forms » Supervision](#).