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# SUPERVISION of STUDENT RESEARCH (L8 and L9) POLICY

<b>Section</b>	Research		
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## PURPOSE

To provide a framework for postgraduate student research at NMIT

The operational aspects of this Policy are detailed in the [Supervision of Student Research \(L8 and L9\) Procedure](#).

## PRINCIPLES

NMIT is committed to providing effective supervision of postgraduate student research based on the following principles:

- Students working at Level 8 and Level 9 are required to engage in research and/or advanced scholarship.
- NMIT must provide systems that are appropriate to the level and scale of the research.
- Research supervisors are suitably qualified and experienced, and have appropriate subject-matter expertise.

## DEFINITIONS

The NMIT Academic Statute - Section 2: Definitions lists the academic terminology and the glossary of Māori terms used throughout this Policy. The definitions of specialist terms relevant to this Policy are listed below:

<b>Primary Supervisor</b>	Primary supervisors provide research advice and guidance, and oversee student progress in the research project.
<b>Co-Supervisor</b>	Co-supervisors provide specific knowledge or expertise to broaden the advice and guidance provided by the primary supervisor.

## SCOPE

This Policy relates to all supervision of student research projects (at Level 8 and Level 9) of 30 credits or more as part of a Postgraduate Diploma and/or Master's degree programme delivered by NMIT either directly or through sub-contracted arrangements.

## POLICY

The following general provisions apply to this policy:

- Supervisors are appointed by the Department offering the qualification, and appointments will follow approved NMIT procedures.
- The number of supervisors appointed is suitable for the number, types, and credit sizes of the research projects.
- Research supervisors have clearly defined roles and responsibilities.
- Problems or disagreements between students and supervisors are effectively managed.
- Supervision meetings are scheduled at suitable and regular times.
- Supervisors will keep appropriate records and provide reports as required.
- Supervisors have no role in assessing/examining the research projects that they have supervised.
- Students are provided with guidance on the procedures applicable to their research studies before the commencement of their studies at Level 8 and Level 9.

## REFERENCES

### INTERNAL

- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Approval and Publication of Research Policy](#)
- [Code of Ethical Conduct – Animal Welfare](#)
- [Code of Ethical Conduct for Research](#)
- [Examination Guidelines](#)
- Guidelines for Student Research at Level 8 (available on NMIT online/Moodle)
- Guidelines for Student Research at Level 9 (available on NMIT online/Moodle)
- [Intellectual Property Policy](#)
- [NMIT Academic Statute - Section 3 Academic Regulations](#)
- [Student Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Student Academic Support and Progression Policy](#)
- [Supervision of Student Research \(L8 and L9\) Procedure](#)

### EXTERNAL

- Education Act 1989
- Otago Polytechnic Supervision of Research Policy