**GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ACRONYMS**

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This document presents a series of terms ad acroynms, such as CoC, that you might encounter during your course. I

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| **Term or acronym** | **Meaning** | **Clarification** |
| 3MT | Three-minute thesis competition | A competition in which students need to summarize their research within three minutes—using only one slide |
| Allowance |  | Funds that research students can utilize to pay the costs associated with research or research training. |
| CDU | Charles Darwin University |  |
| CoC | Confirmation of candidature | Within the first year or so, you need to complete a supervision agreement, research proposal, and oral defense of planned research. Once you complete this phase, your candidature is confirmed. |
| College |  | All research students at Charles Darwin University are enrolled in one of six colleges or Menzies School of Health:   * College of Business and Law * College of Education * College of Engineering, IT, and Environment * College of Health and Human Sciences * College of Indigenous Futures, Arts, and Society; * College of Nursing and Midwifery |
| Dissertation |  | A written thesis or final presentation of the results of research |
| DVCR | Deputy Vice Chancellor of Research | Academic head of research at CDU |
| Domestic student |  | A citizen or permanent resident of Australia enrolled in Australia |
| Exegesis |  | Critical interpretation of some creative work |
| HDR | Higher Degrees by Research | The Masters by Research or PhD |
| IASSR conference | Institute of Advanced Studies Student Research conference | Conference, convened at CDU, in which research students can present their resaerch to other staff and students. |
| International student |  | A student who is a citizen of a nation that is not Australia but enrolled in an Australian university—and thus a temporary resident of Australia or permanent resident of New Zealand. [cf overseas student) |
| ITMS | Information technology and management support | The office that helps students with IT matters |
| ORI | Office of research and innovation | The office that administers research and research degrees |
| Overseas student |  | A student who is a citizen or permanent resident of Australia, enrolled in an Australian university, but completing some or all their course overseas. |
| Principal supervisor |  | The supervisor who is responsible for managing the research student, such as completing progress reports and organizing examiners |
| REP | Research enhancement program | A program of tutorials that students are expected to complete. Resaerch students must attend a minimim of five workshops or seminars throughout their candidatire. |
| RTP | Research training program—a source of funding from the Commonwealth government | Each university receives this funding. The level of funding depends on the number of Masters by Research and PhD completions as well as the degree to which the universities receives other research grants. This funding can be used only to support Masters by Research and PhD students. |
| Stipend |  | A scholarship that assists research students with general living costs. Often approximates about $25 000 to $30 000 a year for full time students |
| Thesis |  | The final presentation of results that emerged from the research. The thesis is often a dissertation or written work. But a thesis can include a creative work coupled with an exegesis or critical interpretation |
| VC | Vice chancellor | In essence, the chief executive of the institution . |