

# The Degree of Doctor of Education (EdD – 360 points)

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the General Regulations for the University.

## 1. Version

- (a) These Regulations came into force on 1 January 2025.
- (b) This degree was first offered in January 2015.

## 2. Variations

The Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research may vary these Regulations where special or unusual circumstances warrant it.

## 3. The structure of the qualification

To qualify for the Doctor of Education (EdD) a student must have successfully completed a programme of research in two parts as follows:

- (a)
  - i. Part I: A student must have achieved a pass standard in all assessments that comprise EDUC796 Research Portfolio (120 points) as follows:





## 11 Examination

- (a) The examination of the thesis and oral examination must be conducted in accordance with the process described in the Thesis Examination Procedures.
- (b) Examination of the thesis is conducted by two Independent Examiners supported by a neutral Examination Chair. At least one of the Independent Examiners must be based outside Aotearoa New Zealand.
- (c) The Independent Examiners and Examination Chair must be nominated by the Tumuaki Tari/Kura | Head of Department/School and approved by the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research.
- (d) Each Independent Examiner must submit an independent thesis report and recommendation to the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research. The Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research will review the Examiners' reports and recommendations and will decide whether the student should progress to oral examination.
- (e) If the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research decides that the student will not proceed to oral examination, the student may instead:
  - i. be invited to revise and resubmit their thesis; or
  - ii. be awarded a relevant Master's degree; or
  - iii. not be awarded a degree.
- (f) Following the oral examination, the Examination Chair will make a recommendation to the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research, who will decide the outcome of the examination process. This may be to:
  - i. award the EdD; or
  - ii. award the EdD subject to completion of specified amendments; or
  - iii. revise and resubmit the thesis (unless a revise and resubmission process occurred prior to the oral examination); or
  - iv. award a relevant Master's degree; or
  - v. award no degree.
- (g) If the student is invited to revise and resubmit their thesis:
  - i. The resubmission of the thesis for re-examination must occur within a timeframe determined by the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research but must not exceed 12 months.
  - ii. A student must be enrolled during the time that revisions are taking place.
  - iii. The revision and resubmission process can only be exercised once.

## 12 Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications.

A student for the Doctor of Education who has not met the requirements for the degree or who wishes to transfer to an appropriate degree may apply to the relevant Amo | Dean to withdraw from the degree and be awarded the other qualification on a case-by-case basis.

## 13 Withdrawal

A student may withdraw from the degree at any time by notifying the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research in writing. Retraction of the withdrawal is not permitted once it has been accepted by the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research. Any refund of tuition fees will be calculated in accordance with the Fees and Fines Regulations.

## 14 Discontinuation

- (a)

- vii. Failure to satisfy any other condition imposed by the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research under the Degree of Doctor of Education Regulations;
  - viii. Failure to maintain enrolment throughout the entire period of the degree, as required by Regulation 6(e);
  - ix. Failure to satisfactorily complete any required revisions to the thesis within the timeframe determined under Regulation 11(g)(i);
  - x. Any other breach of the Degree of Doctor of Education Regulations.
- (b) Before the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research makes a decision under Regulation 14(a), the student will be notified that a decision to cancel their enrolment is being considered. The student will be given 15 working days to make a submission to the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research in regard to the decision. If the student makes a submission, the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research must take the submission into consideration before reaching a decision. Late submissions will not be accepted.

### 15 Place of research and study

Research is expected to be conducted at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury, unless change in study location has been approved by the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research. Before making a decision, the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research will consult the Senior Supervisor and Tumuaki Tari/Kura | Head of Department/School and will take into account any matters specified in the General Conditions for Credit Regulations.

### 16 Appeals

A student may appeal against any decision made by the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research under these Regulations as stipulated in the General Regulations for the University.