

# HIGHER DEGREE RESEARCH STUDENT CHARTER

## PURPOSE

This Charter outlines the role and responsibilities of Higher Degree Research (HDR) students affiliated with the Financial Integrity Hub (FIH). HDR students contribute to FIH's interdisciplinary research on financial crime, engaging in rigorous scholarship that informs law and governance strategies to counter illicit finance.

## ROLE

HDR students are postgraduate researchers undertaking a Master of Laws (Research) or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree. Their role is to conduct independent, high-quality research that advances understanding of financial crime prevention and related fields. They engage in FIH's research community, contributing to academic discourse, publications, and practical solutions to global financial threats.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

The key responsibilities include the following:

1. Conducting original, high-quality research aligned with the vision and strategic priorities of the FIH.
2. Developing a substantive thesis that makes a significant contribution to knowledge in the fields of financial crime, financial integrity, or related areas.
3. Participating in FIH research initiatives, projects, and seminars to enhance interdisciplinary collaboration.
4. Presenting research findings at FIH-hosted events, academic conferences, and seminars, promoting FIH's research excellence.
5. Collaborating with FIH researchers, Research Fellows, and other HDR students on interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral projects.
6. Contributing to FIH's knowledge sharing platforms, including podcasts, webinars, and public lectures, where appropriate.
7. Participating in peer review processes for FIH publications or conference proposals, fostering a collaborative academic culture.
8. Engaging in public discussions on financial crime and governance reform where appropriate, promoting FIH's commitment to transformative change.
9. Committing to a culture of academic excellence, collaboration, and ethical scholarship consistent with FIH values.
10. Committing to a 12-month engagement with FIH as HDR student, with the option for renewal and for either party to terminate the relationship with 7 days' notice.

**Approved by the Financial Integrity Hub**

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