

Instruction for Applicants: Please ask your Principal Supervisor to complete the below statement and returned to the Office of Higher Degree Research Training and Partnerships with your Acceptance of Offer/Request for CoE forms.

STATEMENT FROM SUPERVISOR – OFFSITE COMMENCEMENT OF RESEARCH FOR 2021

The University is currently operating under the [COVIDSafe Plan](#) for research and Universities Australia Principles and [Protocols for Reducing the Potential Risk of Transmission of COVID-19](#). Along with the closure of Australia's international borders there are currently limitations on and approvals required for research to be undertaken by University staff and students. These restrictions may continue into 2021 and prevent international candidates from travelling to Australia in early 2021.

The OHDRTP will allow candidates to commence their HDR program offsite where The OHDRTP will approve an offsite enrolment from 2021 if the candidate, Supervisor and Faculty can confirm that adequate resources and support are available locally to candidates. More information is available, including the Guidelines for Offsite Enrolment on the [Offsite Enrolment Request Form](#). Candidates and supervisors **do not** need to complete this form until **2 weeks prior to enrolment**.

So that the OHDRTP can process the acceptance of offers to international candidates for 2021 who are intending to enrol on an offsite basis, please provide a brief statement regarding your candidate's intended research.

MQ ID		Family Name	
Faculty		Department	
MRes Y2	<input type="checkbox"/> (Program commencement January 2021)	PhD	<input type="checkbox"/> (Program commencement February 2021)
If Australia's international borders remain closed in 2021, will the candidate reasonably be able to commence their research without travelling to MQ? <i>Please note that when international borders open for students to travel to Australia MQ expects candidates to travel to Australia.</i>			
If the current COVIDSafe Plan and Protocols for Reducing the Potential Risk of Transmission of COVID-19 are still in force in 2021, including the restrictions on research with human participants and research in other countries, subject to approval, will the candidate be able to commence their intended research?			
<i>If the answer to either of the above questions is NO, then please get in touch with the Office of HDR Training and Partnerships regarding a deferral at hdr.admission@mq.edu.au</i>			
Supervisor Name			
Supervisor Signature			
Date			

Completion of this statement does not constitute approval to commence research away from MQ campus, and should restrictions still be in place at the time of expected enrolment, the OHDRTP will advise on completion of the formal offsite enrolment and research request.