

HDR Internship Preparation Modules Exemption Form

The [HDR Internship Preparation Modules](#) are designed to support positive, safe, ethical and legally compliant internships. In 2024, the UniSA Research Degrees Committee endorsed required completion of the modules for HDR candidates undertaking an internship. The committee also approved the implementation of an exemption process to the completion requirement to recognise relevant industry experience.

Completion of the modules or approved exemption must occur prior to the start of the internship.

Eligibility for an exemption

Exemptions will be based on HDR candidates having relevant experience within an industry (community, government or business) context. Relevancy refers to knowledge of the following concepts within an industry setting:

- health and safety responsibilities, hazards and reporting
- intellectual property
- confidentiality
- ethics and integrity.

Steps to seeking exemption:

1. HDR candidate completes and signs the exemption form
2. Principal supervisor signs the form to indicate endorsement
3. HDR candidate emails the form to the [Academic Unit Academic Services \(Research\) team](#)
4. HDR candidate and Principal Supervisor are advised of outcome following Dean of Research (or delegate) consideration

For any questions regarding completion of the form, contact edge@unisa.edu.au

Candidate and Internship Details

Candidate Name	Student Number
Candidate email	Internship start date
Industry organisation	

Grounds for exemption

Describe the ways (for example, through induction activities, on-the-job learning, participation in industry-based training) and context (for example, while employed, in an industry placement or undertaking a joint-university research project) in which you have gained relevant knowledge in the following areas:

Safety and wellbeing

Intellectual property

Confidentiality

Ethics and integrity

Candidate Signature	Date
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Supervisor Supporting Statement

Principal Supervisor Signature	Date
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Approved by Dean of Research (or delegate) Signature	Date
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