

# Graduate Research and RTP Scholarships Policy

## Schedule C – Masters by Research Thesis Grading Schema

### Section 1 - Background and Purpose

This Schedule provides an equivalence table for grades assigned to an Honours or other minor thesis to determine their equivalence to the standard of a Masters by research thesis at La Trobe University.

### Section 2 – Equivalence Table

MINOR THESIS GRADE	Description (Masters by Research)	MASTERS BY RESEARCH EQUIVALENT SCORE
95-100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the candidate has demonstrated an exceptional level of competence with respect to the <a href="#">Masters by research course learning outcomes</a> at La Trobe</li> <li>there is clear evidence of considerable original work of high quality, including analysis or other evaluation</li> <li>any implementation and experimentation phases of the discovery have been completed at a very high standard</li> <li>research solely based on the thesis has been accepted for publication in a journal of high standing</li> </ul>	90–100% Outstanding
90-94%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the candidate has demonstrated a very high level of competence with respect to the <a href="#">Masters by research course learning outcomes</a> at La Trobe</li> <li>there is clear evidence of considerable original work of high quality, including analysis or other evaluation</li> </ul>	85–89% Excellent

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any implementation and experimentation phases of the discovery have been completed</li> <li>research solely based on the thesis has been accepted for publication in a quality peer-reviewed journal</li> </ul>	
85-89%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the candidate has demonstrated a high level of competence with respect to the <a href="#">Masters by research course learning outcomes</a> at La Trobe</li> <li>the thesis provides evidence of the candidate's ability to synthesise and organise existing information in a useful and critical manner and is accurate and well written</li> <li>there is evidence of original work, including analysis or other evaluation</li> <li>any implementation and experimentation phases of the discovery have been substantially completed</li> <li>the thesis is worthy of publication with a small amount of further research and/or analysis</li> </ul>	80–84% Very Good
80-84%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the candidate has demonstrated an adequate level of competence with respect to the <a href="#">Masters by research course learning outcomes</a> at La Trobe</li> <li>the thesis provides evidence of the candidate's ability to synthesise and organise existing information in a useful and critical manner and is well-written and largely free of error</li> <li>there is evidence of original work, including analysis or other evaluation and some amount of research</li> <li>with further research and/or analysis the thesis might be worthy of publication.</li> </ul>	75–79% Good
75-79%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the candidate has demonstrated a minimum level of competence with respect to the <a href="#">Masters by research course learning outcomes</a> at La Trobe</li> <li>the thesis is judged to be more than adequate in at least one of the course learning outcomes</li> <li>there is evidence of original work, including some analysis or other evaluation of the proposal, even if not fully implemented or tested.</li> </ul>	70–74% Satisfactory
70-74%	The candidate has demonstrated a minimum level of competence with respect to the <a href="#">Masters by research course learning outcomes</a> at La Trobe	65–69% Adequate

<b>MINOR THESIS GRADE</b>	<b>Description (Masters by Research)</b>	<b>MASTERS BY RESEARCH EQUIVALENT SCORE</b>
65-69%	The thesis is deficient with respect to one or more of the <a href="#">Masters by research course learning outcomes</a> at La Trobe and resubmission of the thesis in a revised form is required for re-examination.	50–64% Inadequate
0-64%	The thesis is so deficient with respect to one or more of the <a href="#">Masters by research course learning outcomes</a> at La Trobe that revision and resubmission cannot be considered as an option.	0–49%