

Faculty of Education and Arts

School of Humanities & Social Science
Research Training Strategic Implementation Plan 2008-09

Goal	Strategy	Outcome/Measure	Timeline	People responsible
2008 – 2009				
1. Increase RHD load & completions cf UoN RRT Implementation Plan Priority 2 (Goal 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Target high-performing undergraduate students □ Promote the use of honours & honours-RHD scholarships to attract candidates □ Highlight RHD activity & capacity on School website □ Monitor RHD confirmation process & progress reports □ Identify prospective RHD topics and capacity among staff (promoted via School research centres & groups) □ Encourage academic staff applying for external large grants to include an RHD scholarship in the project application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Mid-year information day (with program officers, discipline & honours convenors) for current BA & BSocSci students □ Send high performing undergraduate students a letter to consider honours study □ Consider offering summer research project scholarships to high performing undergraduate students □ Offer Faculty & School Honours Scholarships □ Expand the Faculty-based Honours-RHD scholarship scheme & promote this widely □ Expand the pilot of joint scholarship & tutor positions for RHDs to attract candidates from outside the region □ Invite honours students to RHD events □ Provide honours students with access to postgraduate resource rooms □ Review external grant applications for potential to include RHD scholarship 	July each year April each year June 2008 Established for 2009 cohort, & in-going On-going On-going On-going On-going	RT Convenor Research Convenor Discipline Convenors Honours Convenors

2. Conduct School RHD Induction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Run an induction session each semester <input type="checkbox"/> Develop a School RHD manual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Induction sessions include library tour and introduction to database searches <input type="checkbox"/> Hard copy manual for all new RHD candidates (latest version available on School website) 	On-going	RT Convenor Relevant staff
3. Target School resources to support the development of RHD candidates of UoN RRT Implementation Plan Priority 2 (Goal 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Use RTS funding to support professional development of RHD candidates <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage candidates to publish from their research during the period of candidature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold professional development workshops <input type="checkbox"/> Align RHDs with research groups/centres where possible <input type="checkbox"/> Fund research costs & conference attendance <input type="checkbox"/> Improve School RHD resource rooms <input type="checkbox"/> Open RHD resource rooms to Honours students 	On-going	RT Convenor Group/Centre Directors
4. Develop School RHD website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Develop and regularly update website <input type="checkbox"/> Provide an online manual of School resources, funding support, contacts and links 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Live website <input type="checkbox"/> User visits 	On-going	HOS School web editor RT Convenor
5. Establish a Postgraduate Student Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance communication and networking between research postgraduates and staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Establish the forum <input type="checkbox"/> Hold meetings as needed <input type="checkbox"/> RHD student representative on School Board 	On-going	Postgraduate Forum Convenor

<p>6. Reward and recognition for RHD candidates & supervisors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Introduce RHD publication awards □ Announce RHD thesis submission and graduation via School email & website □ List RHD candidates on School website (Discipline pages) with their permission □ Provide gifts to RHD graduates at the Symposium Dinner each semester and upon graduation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Annual RHD publication awards/prizes for high quality journal publications & creative writing publications; announced at the annual NUPSA dinner and on the School website □ Email academic staff & RHD candidates with information on thesis submission & graduation □ Encourage academic staff to apply for supervisor excellence awards □ Encourage academic staff to be on the voluntary register of supervisors □ Encourage new academic staff to attend supervisor training workshops 	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Convenor HOS School Executive</p>
<p>7. Hold 2 School RHD Symposia cf UoN RRT Implementation Plan Priority 2 (Goal 4)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Hold symposia, including dinner for RHD candidates presenters & supervisors – one each semester □ Introduce presenter awards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Increased attendance by RHD candidates and academic staff at the symposia □ Evaluation of symposia 	<p>June & November each year</p>	<p>RT Convenor</p>
<p>8. Open School Tea Rooms and Social Gatherings to RHD candidates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Provide RHD candidates with access to staff tea rooms □ Invite RHD candidates to School events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ RHD attendance □ Feedback via the Postgraduate Forum & Student Representatives 	<p>On-going</p>	<p>HOS School Office staff</p>