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• Overview of thesis with publication, including how it differs from a traditional thesis
• Thinking about ways to structure and write a thesis with publication
• Discussion about authorship and publishing

With panel speakers
Thesis ‘by’ vs. ‘with’ publication

• Thesis **by** publication is an incorrect term. Why? ...
  • ‘By’ publication implies that your thesis is written entirely out of publications, when in fact, you may only publish one or two articles.
What is a thesis with publication/s?

- Contains 2 or more publications produced during candidature that are intended to be published.
- It is malleable* feast. *If you write an article, are you able to drop it into your thesis as a whole chapter, word for word?*
  - Yes, No & Maybe are all answers that might apply, depending on:
    - The rules of the publishing house your submitting your article to (e.g. copyright limitations)
    - The structure and flow of your thesis as a whole
      - E.g. Your thesis needs to be able to stand on its own and present a logical and coherent discussion, with a single thesis statement - from beginning, to middle, to end. So just dropping in articles as whole chapters may not be a good idea.

*Malleable = Refers to material that can be hammered or pressed into shape without breaking or cracking
What is a thesis with publication/s?

- **Can contain:**
  - Publications in their original wording, or have been revised to fit the thesis
  - A mix of both non-published and published material/information
  - Non-published discussion segments and contextual framework

- **Must contain:**
  - A body of work that presents a consistent referencing style, formatting standard and font style
  - An academic body of work
Guidelines for including publications in a thesis

• PhD candidates must be sole or lead authors of their publications
  • And written most or all of the text intended for publication
  • The same publication can not be used in more than one thesis ...
    • E.g. This is relevant to project teams, where candidates working together need to establish who is publishing what, and with which publishing house.

• Dealing with publishing houses:
  • Copyright permissions - E.g. Can publications be used in the thesis word-for-word, or do they need to be reworded?
    • Firstly, PhDs should have an idea of who they would like to publish with, and secondly, make an appointment with one of Massey’s copyright experts:
      • Amanda Curnow (A.L.Curnow@massey.ac.nz)
      • Bruce White (B.D.White@massey.ac.nz)
Thesis with publication – some considerations

• Creating a publication plan
• Co-authoring
• Who will you publish with?
  • E.g. Journal rankings and impact factors, peer-reviewed, open access costs?
• During examination, how will you present your work? As a thesis with publication, that has an overarching story and argument?
• How do the publications fit into the thesis? ...
  • Needs to avoid repetition
  • Consistent use of terms, abbreviations, language style, format and font style
  • Has a complete list of references at the end of the thesis
• Can be embargoed
Steps involved in writing a thesis with publications

• Writing publications
• Reviewing and rewriting publications for acceptance
• Reformatting (and rewriting) publications for the thesis
• Writing the rest of the thesis
Examples of theses with publication

• Anwar, Muhammad. (2017). Doctor of phil. in animal science (Dean’s Award): https://mro.massey.ac.nz/bitstream/handle/10179/12151/02_whole.pdf?sequence=2&isAllowed=y

• Danso, Antoinette. (2016). Doctor of phil. in animal science (Dean’s Award): https://mro.massey.ac.nz/bitstream/handle/10179/12140/02_whole.pdf?sequence=2&isAllowed=y

• Hurst, Jane. (2017). Doctor of phil. in management (Dean’s Award): https://mro.massey.ac.nz/bitstream/handle/10179/11814/02_whole.pdf?sequence=2&isAllowed=y

• Junaid, Fatima. (2017). Doctor of phil. in management: https://mro.massey.ac.nz/bitstream/handle/10179/12953/02_whole.pdf?sequence=2&isAllowed=y
Panel members

• Dr. Arata Hidano (School of Veterinary Sciences)
• Dr. Aniek Hilkens (School of Agriculture and Environment)
• Dr. Andrea Clavijo-McCormick (School of Agriculture and Environment)
• Prof. Marlena Kruger (School of Health Sciences)
• Prof. Nicolas Lopez-Villalobas (School of Agriculture and Environment)
• Prof. Andy Martin (School of Sport, Exercise and Nutrition)
• Bruce White (Open Access and Copyright Advisor)
Additional Resources


• Workshop recording of “Thesis with Publications” can be found at the following URL link under the section titled, “Resources for Doctoral Research Students”: http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/research/researcher-development/postgraduate-research-student.cfm (Note: After the workshop the video will take about a week to appear on the webpage).

• Predatory publishers? - If you’re not sure and want to check the credibility of journals and publishers, here are two different websites that could help. Both display lists of confirmed predatory publishers, as well as other possible predatory publishers. See:
  – https://predatoryjournals.com/journals/
  – https://beallslist.weebly.com/

Need to know more about TwP?

There are a number of people at Massey who can help:

• **Graduate Research School (GRS)** ([doctoral.office@massey.ac.nz](mailto:doctoral.office@massey.ac.nz))
  – Julia Rayner, *Graduate Learning and Development Facilitator*
  – Alexis Boniface, *Researcher Development Administrator*
  – Marise Murray, *Researcher Development Facilitator*

• **Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL)**
  – Manawatu ([ctlman@massey.ac.nz](mailto:ctlman@massey.ac.nz))
  – Wellington ([ctlwel@massey.ac.nz](mailto:ctlwel@massey.ac.nz))
  – Albany ([ctlalb@massey.ac.nz](mailto:ctlalb@massey.ac.nz))
  – Also see my email address on the first slide

**For research advice and more** - The GRS is the main office that deals with research and enterprise at the university. It is also responsible for the administration of Massey’s doctoral degrees. See: [https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/research/higher-research-degrees/higher-research-degrees_home.cfm](https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/research/higher-research-degrees/higher-research-degrees_home.cfm)

**For writing advice** - The CTL has a team of consultants, who specialise in helping students with their writing development and study skills at all levels, including PhD. See: [https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/staffroom/teaching-and-learning/centres_tl/centrestl-students/centrestl-students_home.cfm](https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/staffroom/teaching-and-learning/centres_tl/centrestl-students/centrestl-students_home.cfm)