# Transcript of the video ‘Publication requirements’

Let's talk about the doctoral publication requirement, okay. Now anyone that is enrolled in a doctoral level program whether it is a PhD or one of the specialist or the other the professional doctorates, it is mandatory that you must publish at least one publication during your candidature. Most HDR candidates aspire to produce more publications than that. So this is kind of a baseline of what you need to aspire for, but absolutely you should be aiming to go above and beyond that if you can.

Now when we talk about the publication requirements, these are only mandatory requirements for doctoral level programs and the reason for that is that the timeline for publishing isn't always conducive to the timeline that's available for our master's level candidates.

So for example, our MEPS candidate who has completed their program but is now looking to publish, and that's because the time frame for the master's programs just doesn't necessarily allow for publications, where you do need to have the time to be able to do the work, translate it into a publication, submit it to a journal, go through the peer review process, and then have it accepted for publication.

And Maria will probably talk about this in a lot more detail later on, but the reality is that some journals it can take up to 18 months to navigate the peer review process and reach the point where the journal is happy to accept your publication for submission within their journal. So that's why it's only a program requirement for doctoral level candidates, okay.

Now the specifics of the publication requirement is that it needs to be a peer-reviewed output, okay. Most of the time that is a peer-reviewed journal article, but it is not the only output that is accepted.

So I know we had a couple of AEL candidates, and if we do have someone that is in one of the creative disciplines, it may be that your peer-reviewed output is an exhibition or a showcase or a performance of some format. And when we do distribute the PowerPoint slides the hyperlink associated with the third dot point on this slide, it takes you through to a list of what meets the publication outputs or requirements. So what different formats fall under the peer-review output requirement that is set by the university, okay.

Other things to be aware of in association with this publication requirement is that you need to be the principal author; so you need to be the person that is responsible for having done the bulk of work that has gone into that particular publication.

The reason that we say principle author is that in some disciplines the order of the authorship is dictated by seniority or it's alphabetical. So, it doesn't matter the actual order as it appears on the publication, what does matter is that everyone needs to be in agreement that you were the principal author, okay.

And the other component of this publication requirement is that the work needs to have been conducted during your candidature and what you're aspiring to is that you want to have the publication accepted prior to submitting your thesis, okay. I know thesis submission is probably a long way off for most of you, but as you're approaching thesis submission, there's some paperwork that you need to prepare so that you can submit your thesis to the university and ticking off that you have met the publication requirement is part of that paperwork.