

Conditional Status Information for Students

Higher Degree by Research Students

What is Conditional Status?

Conditional status is an academic status assigned to students whose progress raises concerns as to their ability to complete the research program as prescribed.

When can my status be changed from Good Standing to Conditional?

Your supervisor, Thesis Chair, Director of Graduate Research (DGR), Faculty Graduate Studies Committee (FGSC) or the Associate Deputy Vice Chancellor – Research Excellence (ADVCRE) may recommend your status be changed to conditional when they are concerned about the progress you are making in your program. The usual precursors to being placed on conditional status are:

- General lack of progress
- Not meeting milestones within the prescribed timeframe
- Failure to respond to communications
- Failure to attend scheduled meetings
- Failure to submit the thesis within the prescribed timeframe

What happens when my status is changed to Conditional?

Your supervisor, Thesis Chair or DGR will discuss the change of status with you and outline the conditions being placed on your enrolment. A meeting with you and your thesis committee may be scheduled for this discussion. You may invite a support person to this meeting.

You will receive formal notification of the change of status via the Official Communications Channel in Oasis. This notification will specify the tasks you are required to complete with the associated deadlines clearly identified.

You should expect the conditions should be clear, relevant, measurable and achievable. The conditions must have clearly identified end dates at which time your academic status will be reassessed.

If you feel there is any ambiguity in the tasks you have been set please seek clarification from your supervisor, Thesis Chair or DGR as soon as possible. If these avenues are not appropriate, you may seek a meeting with the Dean of Research of your faculty.

Will my scholarship be affected if my status is changed to Conditional?

Most scholarships are dependent on adequate progress being made in the program, so if you are the recipient of a scholarship including a stipend, GRS-Research Scholarships will be notified of your change in academic status. The continuation of your stipend will then depend on meeting the set conditions. You will continue to receive your stipend payments whilst you are working on meeting your conditions.

How can I return to Good Standing status?

Your academic status will be changed to Good Standing when you meet the conditions of your enrolment.

What if I do not meet the specified conditions?

If you are unable to achieve the specified tasks in the prescribed timeframe your status will normally not be returned to Good Standing. Your supervisor, Thesis Chair, DGR, FGSC or ADVCRE may choose to amend or extend the conditions placed on your enrolment. In this case, such action will be discussed with you and you will receive another Official Communication in Oasis specifying your amended tasks and due dates.

Alternatively, if you have not made sufficient progress in addressing the conditions of your enrolment, your School or FGSC may choose to proceed with the termination. In this case you will be formally notified by the Official Communications Channel in Oasis.

Is there any help available for a student on Conditional status?

Yes. There are multiple options for seeking assistance with academic and/or personal issues during your study.

If you are having concerns in accessing support from your supervisor or resources from your School, you should discuss this with your Thesis Chair or DGR. If this is not appropriate, you may seek advice from your Dean of Research.

The Graduate Research School is able to provide advice about Curtin's policies and processes and assist you in connecting to available support services.

Curtin's [Student Wellbeing Advisory Service](#) provides specific support for students on conditional status. You can speak to a Student Wellbeing Advisor by either visiting Curtin Connect in Building 102 on Bentley campus, calling 1800 244 043, or emailing studentwellbeing@curtin.edu.au.

The **Curtin Student Guild** also have the [Student Assist](#) support and advocacy service you may choose to consult. You can visit the Guild at Building 106F on Bentley Campus, call Student Assist on 9266 2900 or email student.assist@guild.curtin.edu.au.

Another option for students at Bentley campus is to seek advice from the University's [Counselling Services](#). You can call 9266 7850 or 1800 651 879 to make an appointment. They are located on Level 2 of Building 109. You can also email counselling@curtin.edu.au for information, but please note no actual counselling is provided via email.