

## **Policy on the composition of a CSE undergraduate thesis supervisory-assessment panel**

**Short summary:** The purpose of this policy is to specify who can be a supervisor of a CSE undergraduate thesis and to impose the requirement that each thesis supervisory-assessment panel must have at least an CSE academic on it.

### **Background:**

A typical CSE undergraduate thesis is conducted under the supervision of an academic staff from CSE. However, some CSE students wish to do their thesis under the supervision of an academic staff from another school within UNSW, a qualified researcher from an external organisation (e.g., CSIRO) or in the industry.

Typically, the supervisory-assessment panel of an undergraduate thesis consists of a supervisor and an assessor. In general, such a panel can be made up of one supervisor, one or more assessors, and zero or more co-supervisors.

### **Policy details:**

This policy defines the following 4 people groups:

- Group 1: CSE academics (including conjoints) at Levels A-E. Note that Level A academics must have at least a master's degree.
- Group 2: Post-doctoral research fellows at CSE.
- Group 3: UNSW academics (including conjoints) at Levels A-E or post-doctoral fellows not affiliated with CSE, i.e., non-CSE UNSW academic. Note that Level A academics must have at least a master's degree.
- Group 4: Qualified researchers/academics outside of UNSW and industrial practitioners.

This policy states that:

1. Only a person from Group 1, 2 or 3 can be a supervisor of a CSE undergraduate thesis.
2. If the supervisor comes from Group 3, the supervisory-assessment panel must include at least a person in Group 1 as either a co-supervisor or an assessor.
3. If a student wishes to do their thesis with a person in Group 4, then that person is to be appointed as a co-supervisor. In this case, a suitable CSE academic (Group 1) needs to be appointed as the supervisor.