

Student Research Panels (SRP) in the School of Chemistry

What are they and why do we bother?

Each higher degree student in the School of Chemistry is assigned to a **Student Research Panel (SRP)** at the beginning of their candidature. This panel remains in place until the student completes their degree.

Each SRP consists of the Student, the Supervisor(s), Advisor #1 and Advisor #2.

The **SRP** performs the following tasks:

- It acts as the Confirmation of Candidature Panel (a task completed after ~12 mths of candidature). The “University Confirmation Requirement Panel” (= our SRP) **MUST** consist of a convenor (Advisor #1), another member conversant with the general area of research but not directly involved in the project (Advisor #2), and the candidate’s supervisor(s). **These are University regulations.**
- Advisor #1 plays the major role and reads introductory research plans and annual reports, attends seminars, and convenes meetings throughout the entire candidature. Advisor #2’s role drops off after Confirmation of Candidature (i.e. after the first year). Both advisors, however, are casual mentors of the student throughout the candidature. This can be very helpful at times, e.g. student-supervisor conflict. The value of this can not be understated.

If you have a HDR student in your group, expect to be placed on SRP panels.

You will be assigned to both Advisor #1 AND Advisor #2 positions.

SRP load is distributed as fairly as possible and also takes into consideration the student’s needs and project direction.

Duties for Advisor #1

If you have been assigned to an SRP as Advisor #1 you will be notified with an email from Sharlie. Your role is to (in order):

- Introduce yourself to the student and explain your role on their SRP
- Read the **Research Plan** (submitted ~3mths after commencement), convene a brief meeting of the SRP and comment on/approve/revise the proposed research plan
- Participate in the **Confirmation of Candidature (CoC)** process (at ~12mths after commencement). This is the major task and more detail can be found in the “CoC for Dummies” cheat sheet.
- Read and comment on **Annual Reports**
- **Convene meetings** and report potential problems (as needed).

Duties for Advisor #2

If you have been assigned to an SRP as Advisor #2 you will also be notified with an email from Sharlie. Your role is to (in order):

- Introduce yourself to the student and explain your role on their SRP
- Read the **Research Plan** (submitted ~3mths after commencement), attend a brief meeting of the SRP and comment on the proposed plan
- Participate in the **Confirmation of Candidature (CoC)** process (at ~12mths after commencement). This is the major task and more detail can be found in the “CoC for Dummies” cheat sheet.
- **Attend meetings** convened by Advisor #1 (as needed) and report potential problems.
- Serve as an **Alternate for Advisor #1** (when needed).

Please see Sharlie if you have any questions regarding this process.

Details of your current SRP commitment are available from Sharlie on request!