

PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW COURSE – DOCTOR OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

The Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) wishes to establish a Doctor of Visual and Performing Arts.

A candidate whose work, in the opinion of the examiners, includes a substantial original contribution to knowledge in the visual and performing arts and is of a standard which would give the candidate authoritative standing in the candidate's field and who has fulfilled the prescribed conditions may be admitted to the degree of Doctor of Visual and Performing Arts. The form of portfolio submitted for examination will be negotiated with the Standing Committee described below.

The objectives of this Doctorate are to:

- promote the advancement of knowledge in all areas related to the visual and performing arts;
- promote and provide an advanced level of education and professional development for persons involved in the visual and performing arts; and
- provide an opportunity for high level and systematic analysis of the creative processes and practical problems associated with visual and performing arts practice through the application of appropriate discipline analysis and research methodology resulting in an impact on such practice.

The Doctorate will be administered by a Standing Committee of the VCA which will have charge of all matters relating to the admission of candidates and the content of the degree. On the recommendation of this Committee the VCA may admit the applicant to candidature for the degree and forward the names of the examiners to Council. Subject to the statutes and standing resolutions of the University, the VCA may give directions for the conduct of the examination.

With regards to the requirements of the candidature for the degree an applicant may not submit for examination work in respect of which the applicant has already qualified for a degree in any university or other tertiary educational institution, or, without the permission of the VCA, work which the applicant has previously presented for any such degree.

An applicant, when submitting work for examination for the degree, shall state generally in a preface and specifically in notes, the sources from which the information is derived, the extent to which the applicant availed him/herself of the work of others and, in general terms, the portions of the applicant's work for which originality is claimed. When an applicant submits for examination work which has been undertaken in collaboration with another person, the applicant shall provide a signed written statement detailing the extent of the applicant's contribution to the planning, carrying out and writing of the account of such work.

It is anticipated that the Doctorate will also be awarded *honoris causa*.