Minimum Infrastructure Standards for Graduate Research Candidates

The following set of minimum infrastructure standards were approved by University Council on 15 November 2002.

1. Accommodation appropriate to the discipline; accommodation of no less than four square metres in floor space which is secure, ventilated, heated, lit to ASA standards, and located proximate to toilets and other amenities, with a desk space of no less than 0.5m². There should be a clear statement about the space provided for part-time students.
2. Twenty-four hour building access and own keys.
3. Laboratory access where appropriate. Individual bench space and access to relevant equipment for those in laboratory-based disciplines; this does not imply permanent bench space in central facilities such as the Central Science Laboratory.
4. An ergonomically sound chair as specified by the University of Tasmania’s Occupational Health and Safety Policy.
5. Bookshelves.
6. Lockable filing cabinet, or appropriate space therein.
7. Full library services including access to inter-library loans and document delivery.
8. Shared access to an internal phone extension and a reasonable level of free access to a telephone for research related local calls. Permission required for STD/ISD calls and calls to mobile phones for research related purposes.
9. Controlled fax access.
10. Shared mailbox and mail out facilities.
11. Access to operational and regularly serviced photocopier.
12. Twenty-four hour access to tearoom facilities.
13. Twenty-four hour access to washroom facilities.
14. Access to shared dedicated postgraduate computing facilities including: computer/work station, networked printing, e-mail facilities and an address, Internet and Intranet access, IT support, and commonly used research related software where appropriate.
15. Access to school stationery, such as School letterhead when necessary.
17. Provision of written documents outlining School polices regarding the conduct of the postgraduate research programme.

18. The research proposal completed by all candidates to include a detailed budget that the School considers appropriate to carry out the research project. This budget should be regarded as indicative and subject to annual change in the light of experience. The intention is to ensure a level of financial support appropriate to the project being undertaken. It is not intended to be an automatic entitlement to spend up to the budgeted amount irrespective of the needs of the project. Research related expenses might include: fieldwork, laboratory consumables, additional library services, off-site photocopying, thesis preparation or any other expense that may be substantiated as a legitimate cost.

19. Remote/distance candidates provided with infrastructure appropriate to their needs.