PhD by prior publication / portfolio is based on publications that have been published as peer-reviewed assessed outputs. Publications in press that have been accepted but not yet published can be included as part of the submission. It is not a requirement for the First Supervisor to be co-author in these publications.

The student is normally expected to be the first author, so the publications’ contributions can be directly linked to the set of outcomes from the PhD thesis. In cases where the student is not the first author, e.g. in publications resulting from multidisciplinary collaborations, unique contributions related to the PhD project should be identifiable.

Publications should demonstrate that the quantity, quality and level of research is at least equal to a standard PhD thesis, so the claim of a “substantial independent and original contribution to knowledge, commensurate with the normal period of registration” can be supported.

It is normally expected that some work has been published by a journal ranked in the top two quartiles (Q1 or Q2) by Scimago (www.scimagojr.com), as an indicator of quality.