

## Copyright for HDR students

As an undergraduate student the learning resources you used were mostly protected by copyright, and if you stuck to the limits and referenced you were on pretty much safe copyright grounds.

Have a look at: <https://library.acu.edu.au/copyright/copyright-for-students> for a review.

Now, as you move into higher degree research, copyright takes on new meaning, as you are no longer just quoting references, you read, synthesise, discover new meaning and then wish to share that learning with not just ACU but the world. Putting good copyright practices in place early on, will mean the difference between being able to share your research, rewriting your research, or having to have it redacted.

### Copyright sessions

Attend a copyright session as soon as you can, it will give you background to deal with any material you copy during your research.

Lots of places offer them, here at ACU through to the Australian Copyright council.

### Copyright Management Plan

In the meantime, a simple place to start is a copyright management plan, by starting one of these when you start your research, you will have the information on hand, later when copyright decisions need to be made.

A copyright management plan is a simple document that records all the third-party material (you did not write yourself), a bit like a fancy bibliography, but also contains information about copyright ownership.

Elements you would need to keep are:

- date you located the work,
- title & source of work,
- author/copyright owner name & contact details,
- whether permission is needed,
- any conditions of use, and
- Where in your work, you may want to use the work in.

### Assistance

Copyright questions can be directed to [Copyright.officer@acu.edu.au](mailto:Copyright.officer@acu.edu.au) or pop into the Library and ask the Librarian <https://library.acu.edu.au/help/contact-us>