



Review Form for Confirmation of Research Proposal for Masters by Research

SOME GENERAL GUIDELINES

Presentation of the proposed research for a Masters is a valued tradition prior to the confirmation of Masters Research Proposal by HDC. Candidates are required to deliver a public seminar on-campus for half an hour, including time for questions and comments from the participants of the session.

The main objectives of this open presentation of Master's thesis proposal include:

- Giving the candidates the opportunity to share their research ideas and research plan with peers and experienced researchers in a formal manner,
- Assessing the candidates' capacity to engage in a genuine and well-defined enquiry and judge the scope of achieving a Masters by Research qualification in the specified timeframe of the course, and
- Creating a support forum for candidates to receive constructive feedback for postgraduate peers and experienced researchers.

Research Proposals will be formally assessed by an expert Review Panel. The main role of this Review Panel is to provide general feedback and advice to the student on improving the research proposal based on the material presented at the seminar and the original proposal. Each of the reviewers of the panel will prepare a separate written feedback form for the student using the following questions given below in this form. The chair of the panel is also expected to complete a Research Proposal Confirmation Report based on the written feedback by the entire panel for the student. This report will specify the overall recommendation from the Review Panel and will specify any revisions required to be undertaken by the student within a specified time-line. The report and any relevant documentation must be submitted to HDC for confirmation of candidature following the seminar.

1. DETAILS OF REVIEWER

Name			
Address			
Affiliation			
Phone Numbers		Fax	
Email Address			
Participation Role			

2. DETAILS OF THE CANDIDATURE

Name			
Faculty/Department			
Email Address			
Phone Numbers	Phone:	Fax	
Research Topic			

3. REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Are the research aims sufficient in scope to constitute a Research Masters thesis?

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2. Is the theoretical orientation and methodology appropriate to address the aims of the proposed research study?

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3. Is the project feasible within the time frame available for this candidature?

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4. Has the candidate demonstrated a capacity to provide a critical review of the literature?

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5. Is the proposal written in formal academic English using APA style?

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6. Are there any other issues that need to be addressed?

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4. RECOMMENDATION

Each member of the panel will provide his/her recommendation to HDC for final confirmation of the proposal by ticking the appropriate box from the three options below. Reasons for the recommendation must be provided.

1. Accepted with minor revision:

Comments

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2. Accepted with major revisions:

Comments

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3. Unsatisfactory:

Comments

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Signed by Reviewer

Signature	
Name	
Position	
Date	