

# HEAD OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES (HPS) REPORT ON HDR THESIS EXAMINATION



## PART 1 - HIGHER DEGREE RESEARCH (HDR) CANDIDATE DETAILS

Given name	
Family name	
Student number	
Degree	
Principal Supervisor name	
HPS Name	

## PART 2 - GENERAL OVERVIEW OF EXAMINATION PROCESS

Please ensure that you address the examiners' reports thoroughly.

## PART 3 - HPS DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR THESIS EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

That the HDR Candidate:		Select one (x)
a.	be awarded the degree without revision.	<input type="checkbox"/>
b.	be awarded the degree subject to minor revisions, specified by both examiners, being completed to the satisfaction of the HPS.	<input type="checkbox"/>
c.	be awarded the degree subject to substantial revisions, specified by both examiners, being completed to the satisfaction of the HPS.	<input type="checkbox"/>
d.	be awarded the degree subject to (minor/substantial/) revisions, specified by Examiner {.....}, being completed to the satisfaction of the HPS.	<input type="checkbox"/>
e.	be awarded the degree subject to substantial revisions, specified by the examiners, being completed to the satisfaction of the HPS and being sighted by Examiner {.....} for confirmation of the revisions to his/her satisfaction.	<input type="checkbox"/>
f.	be required to resubmit the thesis in revised form for examination after a suitable period of study and/or research.	<input type="checkbox"/>

h.	That the thesis be sent to a third examiner.	<input type="checkbox"/>
i.	That the candidate not be awarded the degree.	<input type="checkbox"/>

**If your draft resolution is different from that provided by the thesis examiners please justify the variation below:**

<b>I have suggested the revised resolution selected above for the following reason(s):</b>

### **PART 4 - FINAL MARK**

**The final mark must be an average of the two examiners' marks.**

The final mark is \_\_\_\_\_ %

Please consider the following criteria when calculating your final mark.

As a reference, examiners use the following scale to calculate the Master of Research mark.

<b>MARK</b>	<b>A THESIS AT THIS LEVEL:</b>
<b>85–100%</b>	Clearly and fully outlines its research topic and objectives, explaining and justifying the project in relation to key developments in the field and recent literature; explains the research undertaken, in terms of the methodology chosen and why it was chosen in preference to alternatives; draws clear and fully-supported conclusions from the research that allow for critical reflection on the research question, the current status of related research and possible future directions for research; is clearly and cogently structured and well-written, and conforms to disciplinary conventions in terms of its presentation. A candidate producing work of this quality is capable of going on to original and innovative research and is strongly suited for enrolment in PhD.
<b>75–84%</b>	Provides a good account of the research objectives in relation to developments in the field and recent literature; explains the research undertaken and why a certain methodology was chosen as appropriate; draws conclusions that are broadly supported by the research, and that respond clearly to the research question; is clearly structured and written, and conforms to disciplinary conventions in terms of its presentation. A candidate producing work of this quality is capable of undertaking a PhD.
<b>65–74%</b>	Has a clear research objective informed by developments in the field and recent literature; explains its methodology clearly; relates its conclusions clearly to the research undertaken; is adequately written, structured and presented. A candidate working at this level is capable of higher degree research, but not yet at doctoral level.
<b>50-64%</b>	Identifies its research objective; has a clear methodology; draws conclusions based on the research undertaken; is written and presented adequately. A student working at this level is not capable of further higher degree research.
<b>Below 50%</b>	The thesis does not meet the standard for the award of the degree.

### **HPS SIGN OFF:**

<b>I have liaised with the supervisor/s in the preparation of this report.</b>		<i>(HPS to confirm (x))</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>HPS name</b>				
<b>HPS signature</b>		<b>Date</b>		