



Graduate Research School

Examiners' Recommendation Form
Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

"The (PhD) thesis shall be a substantial and original contribution to scholarship, for example through the discovery of new knowledge, the formulation of theories or the innovative re-interpretation of known data and established ideas"

CANDIDATE:		REF:	
EXAMINER:			

RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFICATION

- Please mark one box only and refer Page 2 for the required Merit Criteria Scores

PASS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The thesis be PASSED with no requirement for correction or amendments and the student be awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The thesis be PASSED, SUBJECT TO MINOR REVISION as indicated in my report to the satisfaction of the Board.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The thesis be PASSED, SUBJECT TO SUBSTANTIVE* AMENDMENTS along the lines indicated in my report. *The student will normally be instructed to submit a detailed report to the Board of the Graduate Research School outlining the amendments to the thesis. The Board will consider the report and the revisions in determining the final classification, without further reference to the examiners.
<i>(if applicable)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I believe this to be in the top 5% of thesis I have examined.

OR

RE-SUBMIT	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The thesis be returned to me for re-examination after completing the required extra work and revision indicated in my report. A thesis which must be re-submitted requires alterations of such scale, complexity and/or conceptual significance that their adequacy should be appraised again.

OR

AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF MASTER	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The thesis NOT be awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy but be PASSED for the appropriate degree of MASTER. (The (Masters) degree must be a substantial work generally based on independent research which shows a sound knowledge of the subject of the research, evidence of the exercise of some independence of thought and ability of expression in clear and concise language).

OR

FAIL	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The thesis be FAILED and the student NOT be awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy OR the degree of master and NOT be permitted to resubmit the thesis in a revised form.

-Please also complete and return the following page with the merit criteria scores-



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Please provide a Merit Criterion Score for each of the six criteria below, according to the key at the bottom of the page.

SCORE	CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY - THESIS
	The thesis as a whole is a substantial and original contribution to knowledge of the subject with which it deals.
	The student shows familiarity with, and understanding of, the relevant literature.
	The thesis provides a sufficiently comprehensive study of the topic.
	The techniques adopted are appropriate to the subject matter and are properly applied.
	The results are suitably set out, and accompanied by adequate exposition.
	The quality of English and general presentation are of a standard for publication.
SCORE	CRITERIA FOR ANY ADDITIONAL EXAMINABLE COMPONENT/S FOR AWARD OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY –(IF APPLICABLE)
	Any additional examinable components demonstrate technical accomplishment and imaginative resource and/or advanced technical and interpretative accomplishment (as appropriate)

Please attach your report (minimum length – 1 page).

I confirm that there is no actual or perceived conflict of interest arising from my examination of this thesis.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Merit Criteria Score Key

SCORE	MERIT CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION
1	Exceptional	Of the highest merit, at the forefront of international PhDs in the field. Fewer than 5% of students worldwide would fall in this band.
2	Excellent	Strongly competitive at international levels. Fewer than 20% of students would fall in this band.
3	Very good	An interesting, sound and compelling thesis. Approximately 30% of students would fall in this band.
4	Good	A sound thesis, but lacks a compelling element in some respect. Approximately 30% of students would fall in this band.
5	Fair	The thesis has potential, but requires major revisions. Approximately 20% of students would score in this band.
6	Flawed	The thesis does not meet the required standard for this criterion