

**“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”**

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## 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 <b>PASSED</b> with no requirement for correction or amendments and the student be awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The thesis be <b>PASSED, SUBJECT TO MINOR REVISION</b> as indicated in my report to the satisfaction of the Board.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The thesis be <b>PASSED, SUBJECT TO SUBSTANTIVE* AMENDMENTS</b> 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.

OR

RE-SUBMIT	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The thesis be RE-SUBMITTED for 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 by an external expert/s).

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.

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Please complete the following Merit Criteria Scores for this thesis with respect to the six criteria for award of a Doctor of Philosophy from The University of Western Australia  
Please indicate your scores next to each criterion. (Refer Merit Criteria Scores Key)

**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 CRITERION 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)
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**Merit Criteria Scores Key**

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_