**Appointment of Supervisors, Supervisory Agreement, and Approval of Research Proposal for Research Master’s Students**

Research Master’s students should use this form to:

1. Finalise the appointment of the supervisory team; and
2. Establish an agreed understanding of the way in which research students and their supervisors will work together, across the duration of the thesis course; and
3. Submit their Research Proposal for review by the Head of Department/School, or their delegate.

Research Master’s students should meet and discuss this milestone with their supervisory team prior to completion. The Supervisory Agreement and Appointment of Supervisors should be completed within two months of initial enrolment in the master’s thesis course for full-time students or four months for part-time students.

As part of this process, research Master’s students must attach a copy of their Research Proposal that has been approved by their Senior Supervisor. Please discuss specific requirements of the Research Proposal with your Senior Supervisor or contact the Graduate Research Coordinator in your School/Department for further details on what is expected in your field of study.

Students and supervisors should review the [Research Student Supervision Policy](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/about-uc/corporate-information/policies/research-student-supervision-policy) when completing this form. Please note:

* Research students should familiarise themselves with relevant Regulations and Policies (e.g., [Research Course Regulations](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/about-uc/corporate-information/regulations/general-regulations/research-course-regulations), [relevant qualification Regulations](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/about-uc/corporate-information/regulations/qualification-regulations/?s=%21PadreNull&num_ranks=20&profile=qualification-regulations-result-page&sort=title&collection=university-of-canterbury%7Esp-aem-qualification-regulations&f.Qualification+Type%7CucQualificationType=Master%27s+degree), [Research Conduct Policy](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/about-uc/corporate-information/policies/research-conduct-policy), [Intellectual Property Policy](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/about-uc/corporate-information/policies/intellectual-property-policy)) and specific Department/School obligations related to their course of study.
* A Senior Supervisor must be a continuing member of staff at the University of Canterbury and have supervised a research student to completion at the same level of study. If they have not, an experienced Co-Supervisor must be appointed as part of the supervisory team, to provide appropriate mentoring.
* If an External Supervisor is to be appointed, they may only be appointed as Co- or Associate Supervisors. External supervisors must agree in writing to their roles and responsibilities through completion of a separate External Supervisor Agreement. This should be submitted alongside this form.
* If a research student intends to study off-campus at any stage during the thesis course, they must also request a Change of Study Location, which will be considered by the relevant Dean or their delegate.

**Section A**: **Student Details**

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| Student name: |  |
| Student ID number: |  |
| Senior Supervisor: |  |
| Department/School: |  |
| Qualification (e.g., Master of Arts): |  |
| Course Code (e.g., LING690): |  |
| Thesis start date: |  |
| Name of any scholarships held: |  |
| Mode of study: | ​​  Full-time ​ Part-time |
| Thesis working title: |  |
| Language of thesis: | English  Te reo Māori |

**Section B: Appointment of Supervisory Team**

*The* [*Research Course Regulations*](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/about-uc/corporate-information/regulations/general-regulations/research-course-regulations) *require a minimum of two, and maximum of four, supervisors. One supervisor must be designated the Senior Supervisor. The Senior Supervisor must be a continuing member of staff at UC.*

If any supervisor is external to UC, an External Supervisor Agreement form must also be completed for each person and submitted along with this form.

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| **Role** | **Name** | **Dept/School or Organisation** | **Reason for appointment** |
| Proposed Senior Supervisor: |  |  |  |
| Proposed Co-Supervisor: |  |  |  |
| Proposed Associate Supervisor: |  |  |  |
| Proposed Associate Supervisor: |  |  |  |

**EFTS Split**

*EFTS split applies to UC staff only. EFTS split should be agreed by all supervisors and* ***must be approved by the HoD/S*** *of their respective Departments/Schools. This approval cannot be sub-delegated to the Department/School graduate research coordinator. It is the responsibility of the Senior Supervisor to ensure that all relevant HoD/S have been consulted and agree, in writing, to the proposed arrangements.*

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| Supervisor | Workload % | Dept | *If EFTS split required between Departments/Schools* | |
| EFTS % | HOD Signature |
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**Conflicts of Interest**   
*Consult UC’s* [*Conflict of Interest Policy*](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/about-uc/corporate-information/policies/conflict-of-interest-policy) *when completing this section.*

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| Are there any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest that should be disclosed? | Yes  No ​ ​ I don’t know |
| If ‘Yes’ (or ‘I don’t know’), please provide brief detail here:  *You must disclose any conflicts in writing in line with the University’s Conflict of Interest Procedures.* |  |

**Section C: Supervisory Agreement**

*Please refer to the* [*Research Student Supervision Policy*](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/about-uc/corporate-information/policies/research-student-supervision-policy) *and other relevant University Policies, when completing this section.*

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| The Research Student and all members of the Supervisory team have reviewed the University’s Research Student Supervision Policy and understand and accept their roles and responsibilities as detailed in this Policy: | Yes  No |
| The Senior Supervisor has discussed with the Research Student the roles of Co- and/or Associate Supervisors, and a summary of their roles is as detailed: |  |
| Regular formal meetings between the research student and the supervisory team will be held: | Once a week  Once every two weeks  Once every four weeks |
| The research student agrees to provide written work in line with agreed timelines: | Yes  No |
| The Senior Supervisor agrees to provide written feedback within \_\_\_\_\_ of receipt of written work, assuming the written work is received within the agreed timeframes. | ​​ One week  Two weeks  Three weeks  Four weeks |

**Section B and C agreements**

We have discussed our roles and responsibilities, and agree to the arrangements detailed in Sections B and C. On signing, Co- and/or Associate Supervisors further agree that they accept that the Senior Supervisor may sign off subsequent paperwork on behalf of the supervisory team:

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| Research student name/e-signature: |  | Date: |  |
| Senior Supervisor name/e-signature: |  | Date: |  |
| Co-Supervisor name/e-signature: |  | Date: |  |
| Associate Supervisor name/e-signature: |  | Date: |  |
| Associate Supervisor name/e-signature: |  | Date: |  |

**Section D:** **Agreement Regarding Research Consultation, Management, and Dissemination**

**D1. Research Consultation with Māori**

*Consultation with Māori is required when the proposed research involves any of the following impact areas: significant Māori content; access to Māori sites; sampling of native flora/fauna; culturally sensitive material/knowledge; Māori involvement as participants or subjects; research where Māori data is sought and analysed; and research that will impact on Māori.*

*To initiate the Māori consultation process, use the How-To Guide to complete the Consultation Form on the* [*Human Ethics webpage*](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/study-support-info/study-related-topics/human-ethics/#applications)*, and send the completed form to* [*ethicsmaoriconsultation@canterbury.ac.nz*](mailto:ethicsmaoriconsultation@canterbury.ac.nz)*. Your form will be reviewed and you will be contacted by a Kaiārahi if further kōrero is required.*

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| Is consultation with Māori required for this research? | Yes  No |
| If “no”, please detail why: |  |

**D2. Research Ethics**

*Please review the University’s Human Ethics and/or Animal Ethics Policies when completing this section. Further information can also be found on the* [*Human Ethics*](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/study-support-info/study-topics/human-ethics) *and/or* [*Animal Ethics*](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/study-support-info/study-topics/animal-ethics) *webpages.*

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| Is ethical approval required? | Yes  No |
| If ‘Yes’, approval will be sought from the following ethics committee(s): | ​​  UC Human Ethics  ​​  UC Animal Ethics  ​​  Health and Disabilities Ethics Committee  ​​  Other (please specify): |
| If “no”, please detail why: |  |

**D3. Research Data Management**

*Prior to research commencing, agreement must be reached between the research student and their supervisory team on the management of data generated during the research. Consideration should also be given to broader data sharing. Please refer to the* [*UC Library Research Data Management webpage*](https://canterbury.libguides.com/startingresearch/researchdatamanagement) *for more information.*

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| Will data - including notes, transcripts, samples, photographs or other material - be collected during this research?  **(If ‘No’, proceed to Section D4)** | Yes  No |
| A data management plan has been agreed, including issues of data access and storage, both during and subsequent to the research completion: | Yes  No |
| Storage of all data, both raw data and any processed data, will be overseen by: |  |
| The student will have full access to the data generated by their work. | Yes  No |
| The student will ensure that all data are stored appropriately and in accord with any specifications from relevant ethics committees. | Yes  No |
| The student agrees to comply with any agreements regarding provision of data or reports for external bodies (e.g., research sponsor, participants, Iwi, funders). | Yes  No |
| Data generated will be shared with the following individuals (e.g., supervisors) during and/or after the research has concluded, subject to ethics and confidentiality requirements. Please specify:  (a) the type of data to which specific people will have access, and  (b) the time period in which access will be maintained. |  |

**D4. Intellectual Property, Externally Funded Research, and Copyright**

*Intellectual Property (IP) is defined as any discovery, innovation, invention, form, shape, sound, image, expression, technique or process which is the product of skill, effort or intellect. Please read* [*UC’s Intellectual Property Policy*](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/about-uc/corporate-information/policies/intellectual-property-policy)*, for more information.*

*Copyright is a form of intellectual property. Copyright exists only once a work is recorded (in writing or otherwise) and protects the recorded expression of that work. Students, as authors, own the copyright to their theses once written. In writing a thesis it is essential that a student adheres to copyright laws. Please refer to the* [*Copyright Policy*](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/about-uc/corporate-information/policies/copyright-policy)*, for more information. If you have any queries, please contact the UC Library Subject Librarian team.*

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| **Intellectual Property** | Is an IP agreement with the University and/or third parties required?  *If no, please proceed to Externally Funded Projects below.* | Yes  No  ​​  To be determined |
|  | Has an IP agreement been signed?  *If yes, please attach a copy of the agreement to this form.* | Yes  No |
|  | Prior to signing the IP Agreement, the reasons for the agreement and its implications were clearly articulated to the student, and they were given an opportunity to seek legal advice. | Yes  No |
|  | Any IP, idea, or specific know-how with potential commercial applicability already in existence at the commencement of the student’s studies has been identified and documented in a Statement of Intellectual Property through Research & Innovation. | Yes  No |
| **Externally Funded Projects** | Is this research project part of a wider research programme involving external organisations?  If “yes’, please elaborate on the research programme: | Yes  No |
|  | Has a contract been signed, or are there contractual agreements to be negotiated? | Yes  No |
| **Copyright** | Student and supervisors have discussed issues regarding copyright | Yes  No |
|  | The student agrees to ensure that any necessary copyright approvals are sought prior to submission of the thesis for examination: | Yes  No |

**D5. Embargoes and Sensitive Theses**

*Please review UC’s* [*Thesis Availability Policy*](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/about-uc/corporate-information/policies/thesis-availability-policy) *in completing this section and consider whether your research could have a ‘sensitivity’ which will place constraints on export / dissemination of research outcomes. On occasion there may be contractual or Protective Security Requirements to protect research outcomes.*

*Note that internally or externally funded research could have limitations placed on the sharing of research outcomes (goods/software/technology) if there are aspects that fall under the Sensitive Technology / Dual Use or Catch-all provisions of the* [*Export Controls regime*](https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/trade/export-controls/#:~:text=MFAT%20Alerts&text=Exports%20of%20military%2C%20dual%20use,the%20trade%20of%20certain%20chemicals.) *which controls the export of aspects named on the* [*New Zealand Strategic Goods List.*](https://mfatgovtnz2020.cwp.govt.nz/en/trade/export-controls/which-exports-are-controlled)

*Be aware that* ***Dual Use Technology*** *can comprise of equipment, software and technologies developed to meet research or commercial needs but which may be used either as military components or for the development or production of military systems or weapons of mass destruction.*

*Catch-all controls also apply to goods and technologies which are not regulated items under New Zealand’s export controls regime for military and dual-use goods (those with civil and military uses), but which could be put to military or police uses or used to support military or police operations.*

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| At this stage, do you expect an embargo will be necessary after thesis completion? | Yes  No |
| If yes - is this due to Sensitive Technology / Dual Use outcomes? | ​​  Yes  No |
| Any additional comments: |  |

**The Risk & Assurance Team are able to support with the appropriate protection of Sensitive Thesis alongside Te Kura Tāura | UC Graduate School.** If you have any questions or concerns throughout the life cycle of the research please contact the Risk and Assurance Team, [insurance@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:insurance@canterbury.ac.nz) as early as possible.

For further information please see [Trusted Research Guidance for Institutions and Researchers](https://www.protectivesecurity.govt.nz/assets/protective-security-requirements/resources/psr-trusted-research-guidance-spreads.pdf) and further information through the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade](https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/trade/export-controls/which-exports-are-controlled/research/).

**D6. Authorship**

*The inclusion of published work within a thesis is encouraged at UC. Please see the* [*Guideline to Including Publications within a Doctoral or Research Master’s Thesis*](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/content/dam/uoc-main-site/documents/pdfs/d-other/te-kura-tāura---uc-graduate-school/A-Guideline-to-Including-Publications-within-a-Doctoral-or-Research-Master’s-Thesis-uc.pdf) *for further details. The research student (i.e., thesis author) and their supervisors should reach agreement about authorship of any published results of the research. All contributors should be consulted about any planned dissemination in advance, and authorship should adhere to the University’s* [*Authorship Policy and Guidelines*](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/about-uc/corporate-information/policies/authorship-policy-and-guidelines)*.*

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| Do you intend to include publications within your thesis or to publish following completion of the thesis? | Yes  No |
| If ‘Yes’, the research student and supervisory team have reviewed and will follow the Guidelines to Including Publications within a Doctoral or Research Master’s Thesis and UC’s Authorship Policy. | Yes  No |

**D7. Equipment and Logistics**

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| My research requires special equipment or logistical requirements, including technical support: | Yes  No |
| List any major equipment requirements (if applicable): |  |
| Have you completed a Health and Safety Checklist?  *Please consult your faculty if you are unsure of the requirements for this.* | Yes  No ​  Not applicable |
| Have you completed a Field Activity Plan?  *Please consult your faculty if you are unsure of the requirements for this.* | Yes  No ​  Not applicable |
| I intend to be located off-campus for data collection:  *If ‘Yes’, you will need to complete a Change of Study Location application if this will be for a period of one month or longer.* | Yes  No |

**Section E: Signatures**

**Student**

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| I understand and agree to the appointment of the supervisory team detailed in this document: | Yes  No |
| I understand and accept the details of this Supervisory Agreement: | Yes  No |
| I have attached a copy of my Research Proposal, which has been reviewed by my Senior Supervisor: | Yes  No |
| I confirm that this Research Proposal is entirely my own work, including research and writing, except where the assistance of other authors or tools is explicitly acknowledged and their contribution fully explained: | Yes  No |
| The Research Proposal has been submitted to UC’s specified similarity- or AI-checking software (e.g., [Turnitin](https://learn.canterbury.ac.nz/course/section.php?id=165953)). I have discussed the resulting report and any potential issues with my supervisor. | Yes  No |

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| Name/e-signature: |  |
| Date: |  |

**Senior Supervisor** 

*On behalf of the supervisory team:*

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| I agree to the appointment of the supervisory team: | Yes  No |
| I confirm the details of the Supervisory Agreement: | Yes  No |
| I have reviewed the attached Research Proposal and am satisfied that the topic, scope, and methodology are appropriate for a research Master’s degree: | Yes  No |
| I confirm that the standard of the Research Proposal is satisfactory for this stage of progression: | Yes  No |
| I have reviewed the report generated by UC’s specified similarity or AI-checking software and discussed with the research student the concept of plagiarism and the boundaries of AI use in producing research and writing in this discipline: | Yes  No |
| I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, there is no plagiarism within the Research Proposal: | Yes  No |
| I would like to bring the following issue(s) to the attention of the HoD/S or their delegate and/or the relevant Dean or their delegate: |  |

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| Name/e-signature: |  |
| Date: |  |

**PLEASE FORWARD THE FORM TO YOUR HEAD OF DEPARTMENT/SCHOOL OR THEIR DELEGATE**

***You must ensure that any supporting documents are submitted along with the application.***

**Department/School**

*This section should be completed by the Head of Department/School (or the person/s with appropriate delegated authority under UC’s Academic and Research Delegations).*

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| I support the appointment of the supervisory team detailed in this document: | Yes  No |
| I confirm that the internal supervisors listed here have the appropriate capacity, research expertise, and workload to supervise this student, and that any external supervisors listed here have the appropriate expertise to supervise this student, as required under the [Research Student Supervision Policy](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/about-uc/corporate-information/policies/research-student-supervision-policy) (Section 3): | Yes  No |
| I confirm that the arrangements detailed in the Supervisory Agreement are satisfactory: | Yes  No |
| I have reviewed and approve the Research Proposal: | Yes  No |
| I confirm that the School/Department has appropriate resources to support the student to complete the research outlined in the Research Proposal.  If “no”, please provide further detail: | ​​ Yes  No |
| Where it has been indicated that the student will be writing in te reo Māori, I confirm that appropriate resources are in place to support the research and examination being conducted in te reo:  If “No”, please provide further detail about what aspects of resourcing are not available to support a thesis written and examined in te reo Māori. Include any potential impacts that this will have on the student's research and any plans in place to mitigate or resolve resourcing issues. | Not applicable  Yes  No |

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| Name/e-signature: |  |
| Date: |  |

**PLEASE FORWARD TO THE RELEVANT ADMINISTRATOR**

***You must ensure that any supporting documents are submitted along with the agreement.***

**Section F: Outcome**

*This section should be completed by the Relevant Dean (or the person/s with appropriate delegated authority under UC’s Academic and Research Delegations).*

The supervisory team and supervisory agreement are:

**​​** Approved

Approved with conditions (specify below)

Declined

I have reviewed and approve the Research Proposal:

Yes

No

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| Please add any further comments here:   *Include any required conditions for approving the supervisory arrangements or any reasons for declining.* |  |
| Name/e-signature: |  |
| Date: |  |