**Doctoral Examiner Recommendation and Report**

The doctoral examination at the University of Canterbury comprises independent written evaluation of the submitted thesis by two independent expert examiners, followed by an oral examination with at least one of these examiners present (the Oral Examiner).

Examiners are asked to complete both sections of this form (the Recommendation and the Report) and submit this to Te Kura Tāura. **Word (.docx) format is preferred**.

The Recommendation will be provided to the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research (or delegate) who will consider the Reports and decide on the outcome. Please note that Examiner recommendations are not provided to the student. Therefore, we ask that you do not include any recommendation within the Report section of the form. If a recommendation is included, your report may be amended by Te Kura Tāura staff.

Your report will be provided to the student five to 10 days prior to the oral examination. The tone of this report should therefore be constructive and include comments addressed to the student.

All theses are to be kept confidential during the examination process and examiners should not distribute copies of the thesis while it is under examination. Theses will be made available in the [UC Research Repository](https://ir.canterbury.ac.nz) after examination, or after any requested embargo period has ended. If an examiner has signed a non-disclosure agreement prior to this examination, the terms of confidentiality may extend beyond the examination period.

**Examination information:**

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| Student’s Name: |  |
| Thesis Title: |  |
| Date: |  |
| Examiner’s Name/eSignature: |  |

**Recommendation (*tick one box only*)**

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| I recommend that: | [ ]  **the student proceed to the oral examination and be awarded the doctoral degree subject to satisfactory performance at the oral examination and, if required, the satisfactory completion of amendments.***Amendments are undertaken after the oral examination and may be minor (e.g., typographical/grammatical corrections) or major (e.g., re-writing sections of the thesis).**Amendments would usually be expected to take up to 3 months of equivalent full-time study following the oral examination but may take more or less time depending on the student and supervisors’ commitments or working style.**A final recommendation on required amendments will be made following the oral examination. Please note that recommended amendments post-oral should be limited to changes necessary to ensure that the research meets the required standard for the award.* |
| [ ]  **the student be invited to revise and resubmit the thesis for re-examination.***The revise and resubmit option is a significant undertaking. It requires the student to re-enrol and complete recommended amendments, usually for a period of between three and 12 months of equivalent full-time study. The thesis is then re-submitted for examination, with the original examiners asked to examine the revised thesis.**This option should be selected if the thesis does not meet the standard required for the award, but it is thought that, with considerable reworking, the thesis could meet that standard. For example, in your view the thesis may require:** *additional data collection; or,*
* *a full reanalysis of a data set; or,*
* *substantial rewriting of the content of the thesis.*

*If your recommended amendments do not meet this threshold, then a recommendation of proceeding to the oral examination may be more appropriate.* *The Revise and Resubmit outcome can be offered on one occasion only, either prior to, or following, the oral examination.* |
| [ ]  **the student be awarded an appropriate master’s degree.***This option should be selected if, in your view, the thesis does not meet the standard required for doctoral theses and you expect that even with at least 12 months of further enrolment, the thesis is unlikely to meet the required standard. In selecting this option, it is your opinion that the thesis is currently at an acceptable standard for the award of a master’s degree.* |
| [ ]  **no degree be awarded to the student.***This option should be selected if the submitted thesis does not meet the standard required for the award of either a doctoral or master’s degree.*  |

**Report**

*Please comment on how well the thesis meets each criterion for the degree, then provide general comments on the thesis.* *We kindly request that your comments are constructive, relatively extensive (i.e., at least two pages in total), and are addressed to the student.*

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| **Criteria for the Degree** | **Comments** |
| The thesis is an original and significant contribution to advancement of knowledge in its field: |  |
| The thesis meets recognised international standards for doctoral studies in its field: |  |
| The thesis demonstrates advanced knowledge and expertise in the discipline and the ability to carry out independent research, including exercising critical and analytical judgment: |  |
| The thesis is satisfactory in its method: |  |
| The thesis is satisfactory in the quality and coherence of expression: |  |
| The thesis is appropriately presented and formatted: |  |

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| **General Comments on the Thesis** |
| Overall evaluation of the strengths of the thesis: |  |
| Overall evaluation of the weaknesses of the thesis: |  |
| Suggested major amendments/corrections: |  |
| Suggested minor amendments/corrections (such as typos, incorrect labelling, etc.): |  |
| Questions for the oral examination (please include at least 3): |  |