



# Reviewer's Report on the Research Proposal and Oral Presentation for Milestone 1 (Candidacy)

Higher Degree by Research Students

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STUDENT ID

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COURSE CODE (UDC)

COURSE NAME

*This form can be used by reviewers who provide feedback to students on their written proposal and oral presentation at the same time.*

## Research Proposal and Oral Presentation

### Research Proposal's Aims and Objectives

Are the aims and objectives clear, achievable and within the standards expected for the level of the Higher Degree by Research? Please comment.

### Research Proposal's Background including the literature review

Has the student provided appropriate background to the research problem and demonstrated sufficient knowledge of the relevant literature? Please comment.

### Research Proposal's Significance

Is the significance of the proposed research program clearly expressed and at an appropriate level for the Higher Degree by Research? Please comment.

### **Research Proposal's Methodology and Methods**

Has the student presented a satisfactory explanation of the methodology and methods and are these suitable for the proposed study? Please comment.

### **Research Proposal's Milestone Plan**

Has the student identified clear milestones for measuring the progress of the study, including specific tasks which can be reported against for Milestone 2? Please comment.

### **Research Proposal's Ethical and Safety Issues**

Has the student demonstrated adequate consideration of safety and ethical issues and the need to complete the Hazard Identification Tool? Please comment.

### **Research Proposal's Timeline and Budget**

Is the timeline and budget for the proposed project appropriate? Please comment.

## Overall Assessment of the Research Proposal

### Assessment Key

1	2	3	4	NA
Excellent	Sound	Passable	Poor	Not Applicable

	1	2	3	4	NA
<b>Matters of Substance</b> <i>Please assess the extent to which the proposal:</i>					
Makes clear the aims, objectives and scope of the study					
Seeks to make an original, scholarly contribution to the discipline					
Complements and/or extends the research expertise of the enrolling area					
Includes a concisely stated problem/question/argument					
Summarises the significance <i>and</i> likely impact of the work being undertaken					
Makes clear and justifies the theoretical framework					
Makes clear and justifies the background and context					
Makes clear and justifies the methodological framework					
Outlines the specific methods to be used in data collection					
Has an appropriate timeline					
Is designed to be completed within the allocated time permitted for the course					
Identifies clearly defined milestones for monitoring progress					
Has an appropriate budget					

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<b>Title and Abstract</b> <i>Please assess the extent to which the proposal:</i>					
Has an unambiguous title that fittingly describes the topic					
Includes an abstract that accurately describes the content					
<b>Writing Style, Structure and Length</b> <i>Please assess the extent to which the proposal:</i>					
Is well written in clear, grammatical English					
Is of an appropriate length					
Is logically structured using clear, self-explanatory headings and sub-headings					
<b>Referencing</b> <i>Please assess the extent to which the proposal:</i>					
Makes adequate and intelligent reference to other works					

## Summary

Please provide a brief summary of the main points discussed during the candidacy presentation. These points should include any suggestions/instructions given to the candidate. Please Comment.

## Further Comments

*Please provide clear comments to the candidate about any recommended changes to the research proposal:*

**Signature of  
Reviewer**

**Date**

*(DD/MM/YY)*

Please forward the completed report to your School's Director of Graduate Research (or delegate).