

# Thesis Examination Procedure

## Purpose

This procedure describes the thesis examination processes for all higher degree research programs at UNSW Sydney.

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## 1. Introduction

Thesis examination is a core assessment required in all higher degree research (HDR) programs. This procedure outlines the processes for preparation, submission and examination of the thesis component of all HDR programs. It also includes the roles and responsibilities of higher degree research (HDR) candidates, supervisors, Postgraduate Research Coordinators (PGC) and the Higher Degree Committee (HDC) in 6e8/4(es,U2(er)-310

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## 2.2. Supervisors

2.2.1 Supervisors are responsible to:

- provide the candidature, and especially prior to submission of the thesis
- ensure that the thesis is in a format suitable for examination and that the candidate has followed all the procedures required for thesis submission (in the case of the Primary Supervisor)
- provide recommendations to the PGC on the nomination of suitable experts to examine the thesis.

## 2.3. Examiners

2.3.1. Examiners are responsible to:

- provide a fair, independent and expert report to the HDC. This does not imply any further obligation on the part of the examiner directly to the candidate.

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In addition, there are three scenarios which require approval before submission of the thesis:

5.3.1. Restricted Access of the Thesis

- a. All theses produced under a higher degree research program should be publicly available. However, in some circumstances immediate public access to the thesis may not be desirable. An embargo of 2 years or less is available and candidates can opt-in when they deposit the final digital copies of the thesis to the Library. The Library will be informed of approved restrictions and will apply these for the agreed period.

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## 5.5. Supervisor's certificate process

5.5.1 Approval of

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## 8.5. Divergent reports

In some examinations, there may be divergent reports where one examiner will recommend that the thesis has met the requirements (although it may require minor corrections or further work) and the other will recommend that the thesis is not at the standard for the award of the degree or requires revision and re-examination. It is important to note that both examiner reports have equal weighting and as such, a report cannot be discarded or discounted when deciding the next steps. Thus, a revision or non

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