



# RESEARCH DEGREE: Preliminary Report of an examiner on a thesis submitted for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy/Professional Doctorate

This form should be completed electronically by an approved examiner after having read the thesis submitted by the candidate. The examiner is required to make an independent preliminary report together with a provisional recommendation. The completed form must be returned to [research.degree@solent.ac.uk](mailto:research.degree@solent.ac.uk) in the Graduate School at least one week before the oral or approved alternative examination is held.

## PART A: THE CANDIDATE (to be completed by the Graduate School)

1. Surname/Family Name:

2. First Name(s):

3. Student ID Number:

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| <b>4a. Department</b>     | Department of Arts & Music   | Department of Business & Law            | Department of Science & Engineering | Warsash Maritime School  |
|                           | Department of Sport & Health | Department of Social Sciences & Nursing | Department of Film & Media          |                          |
| <b>4b. Research Theme</b> | Engineering & Environment    | Human Function & Health                 | Media, Culture & the Arts           | Social Research & Policy |

5. Level of award:

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| PhD by Prior Publication | PhD | Prof Doc |
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6. Thesis submission date:

7. Name of any external collaborating establishment(s) (if applicable):

8. Title of submitted thesis:

## PART B: EXAMINERS PRELIMINARY REPORT

9. Name of Examiner:

The examiner is asked to provide a reasoned assessment of the candidate's thesis with

particular reference to [Solent University's Regulations for Postgraduate Research Students](#).

**All comments and feedback given in this document must be appropriate for dissemination to the student; this document forms part of the student record and can be supplied to them following a Freedom of Information (FOI) request.**

**10. Is the student able to demonstrate through the body of their work and examination the following:**

- i. the creation and interpretation of new knowledge, through original research or other advanced scholarship, of a quality to satisfy peer review, extend the forefront of the discipline, and merit publication;
- ii. a systematic acquisition and understanding of a substantial body of knowledge which is at the forefront of an academic discipline or area of professional practice;
- iii. the general ability to conceptualise, design and implement a project for the generation of new knowledge, applications or understanding at the forefront of the discipline, and to adjust the project design in the light of unforeseen problems;
- iv. a detailed understanding of applicable techniques for research and advanced academic enquiry in their discipline; and
- v. informed judgement making on complex issues in specialist fields, often in the absence of complete data, and the ability to communicate their ideas and conclusions clearly and effectively to specialist and non-specialist audiences.

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**11. Does the thesis conform to the usual scholarly requirements for the relevant discipline?**

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**12. Is the abstract of the thesis acceptable?**

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**13. In the case of a candidate whose research programme is part of a collaborative group project, (see item 7) does the thesis clearly indicate the individual contribution?**

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**14. The preliminary report:**

*(A report of about 300 words should be adequate)*

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**15. Provisional Recommendation**

NB: If the examiner wishes to withhold their recommendation until after the examination, this should be stated below. The candidate's performance in the oral examination or alternative examination will determine the final outcome which should be stated on Form *RD5DEX* following the viva.

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**Signed by  
Examiner:**

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**Print Name:**

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