

- NOMINATION FORM -

OUTCOME OF EXAMINATION AND THESIS

Examiner 1 Grade AExaminer 2 Grade A**1. Content of the Examiners' Reports and Recommendations;** *(Do not attach examiners reports. Only highlight key aspects.)*

Examiner 1 notably states that "I would place this thesis in the top 5% of all doctoral theses I have evaluated in my 16 years advising doctoral students. In fact, the thesis is so excellent that I have no critiques to offer; I assess all aspects of the thesis to be of the highest quality. I will therefore focus my evaluation on the strengths of their research efforts." They go on to note the student's "thorough, appropriate, and enlightening review of the theories relevant to their thesis", their methods as "one of the most exciting aspects of this thesis" and their "gold-standard level of attention to transparency and rigorous, open science." The examiner also states they are "impressed by the Student's ability to provide a thorough overview of the relevant theories while also maintaining a clear and consistent focus on the topic of her thesis" and that "This thesis is one of the best I've read in terms of its practical, scalable, evidence-based recommendations." Examiner 2 gives the general comment that "Overall, this is superb work." They note that "this thesis has an important premise and investigates a noteworthy issue", "an excellent plan of study" and that "the work is extremely thorough and absolutely on par with the work of seasoned investigators. The candidate has talent and has clearly been well mentored." Similar to Examiner 1, this examiner states that "this work is not just "academic" but rather has some fairly valuable and practical implications."

2. Summary of the extent of revisions required to the thesis:

As noted above, Examiner 1 did not provide critique. Examiner 2 offered some commentary that is useful in moving this program of research forward, but they did not require any revisions to the thesis itself.

3. Publications stemming from the thesis or publication equivalents and other appropriate research outputs (for example, patents, exhibitions, performances and other creative works). Unrelated publications will not be considered:

At the time of nomination, three of the Student's empirical chapters are published and the fourth has a revise and resubmit decision – all in top quality, Q1 journals. Please see reference details below:

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4. Other recognition for the quality of research undertaken for the thesis (for example, prizes and awards conferred, recognition by professional organisations, invitations to prestigious conferences):

The Student presented their work at two international conferences and one national conference; they received the People's Choice Best Presentation Award at one of these conferences (XXXX, a student-focused conference on XXXX, in XXXX). The student was an author on a further three presentations at international conferences. They received HDR travel funding from the College.

5. Discuss the timely completion of the degree or mitigating factors for the delay:

The student completed the PhD in just three years. During that same period, the student also tutored, had roles as Research Assistant and gave guest lectures to undergraduate students, and mentored honours students.

6. Any other general comments (the points above will be considered relative to the student's project and/or discipline):

The student is extremely deserving of this award. The student set clear goals and made a smart and careful plan to achieve them. They worked consistently and efficiently throughout her candidature and is an outstanding speaker and writer, and a caring mentor. Their thesis makes an important and timely contribution to the literature and was meticulously executed. Therefore, I was ecstatic but not surprised when the student received an AA result. I will also note that the student went straight into full-time employment after submitting their thesis. Their progress has been a true pleasure to be a part of and I would be delighted to see them receive this award.

ENDORSED BY PRINCIPAL SUPERVISOR

I endorse the nomination of this student for the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Doctoral Thesis Excellence.

Signature _____ Date _____