This form is to be used by Principal Supervisors to make nominations to the Office of Graduate Research (OGR) for the Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Doctoral Thesis Excellence. Up to twelve awards will be given each year. The award consists of a medal for desk display, a record on the awardee’s academic transcript and a certificate from the Vice-Chancellor. The following information outlines the terms and conditions, process for nomination and timeline for the award of the award.

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* To be eligible for nomination for the award a student will normally have received recommendations from two external examiners that the degree be awarded without amendments to the thesis (A, A). Students passed with minor amendments (A/B) may also be considered on the basis of a case made by the nominator to the University Higher Degrees by Research Committee.
* Doctoral students who have been completed and are awarded the degree in the previous year (2024) are eligible to be nominated. Nominees need not have graduated at this stage.
* PhD by Prior Published Work and Higher Doctorate students are not eligible for consideration of this award.

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| procedures & timeline |

The Office of Graduate Research will call for nominations to all supervisors inviting them to nominate eligible students.

The nominations will then be forwarded to the University Higher Degrees by Research Committee via the Office of Graduate Research. These will be considered by the University Higher Degrees by Research Committee and forwarded to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) for a final recommendation

* Office of Graduate Research calls for nominations from supervisors **January 2025**
* Nominations to be submitted to Office of Graduate Research by **4 February by 5 pm**
* Nominations considered by the University Higher Degrees by Research Committee **February 2025**
* Winners notified **March 2025**
* Awards presented at Graduation Ceremony (if degree not already conferred)\* **April 2025**
* Celebration ceremony for all awardees **April/May 2025**

*\*The Office of Graduate Research will hold a ceremony in April/May for students whose degrees have already been conferred.*

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| closing date |

Nominations must be submitted to the Office of Graduate Research ([hdr.exams@flinders.edu.au](mailto:hdr.exams@flinders.edu.au)) by **4.02.2025. 5 pm**

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| NOMINATION FROM THE PRINCIPAL SUPERVISOR |

The nomination must address the following points separately:

* Highlights from the Examiners' Reports and Recommendations;
* Extent of revisions required to the thesis;
* 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;
* 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) and
* Timely completion of the degree.

The points above will be considered relative to the student's project and/or discipline.

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| consideration of nominations |

In addition to the criteria above, examiners will be informed of the award and will confidentially indicate on the Examination Report Form if they would like the student to be considered for the award. This information will also inform the University Higher Degrees by Research Committee.

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| MORE INFORMATION |

Please contact the HDR Exams team for any queries.

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Phone: 8201 5961

Website: <https://students.flinders.edu.au/my-course/hdr/events-and-awards/vcs-prize-for-doctoral-thesis-excellence>

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| STUDENT DETAILS |

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| **Student’s current email address**  (if known) |  |
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1. **Content of the Examiners' Reports and Recommendations;** *(Do not attach examiners reports. Only highlight key aspects.)*

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1. **Summary of the extent of revisions required to the thesis:**

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1. **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:**

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1. **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):**

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

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

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| endorsed by principal supervisor |

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

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