*This form is intended for use by independent assessors to evaluate the CBGL Confirmation of Candidature research proposal.*

1. **Higher Degrees by Research**
2. **Independent Assessor Feedback**

*Please note: decisions around candidature are not determined solely by this feedback. This form is intended to provide constructive and realistic feedback to the candidate and supervisory team about the research project and to be considered by the HDR Academic Assessor & HDR Coordinator alongside university Milestone documents.*

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| Principal Supervisor |  |
| Associate Supervisors |  |
| Assessor’s Name |  |
| Date of Assessment |  |

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| Does the research stand to advance knowledge? Is the contribution to knowledge of the proposal clear in the written/oral proposal? | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No [ ]  Developing |
| *Assessor Comments*      |
| Are the research questions/aims/hypotheses clearly presented, well justified and appropriate? | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No [ ]  Developing |
| *Assessor Comments*      |
| Are the methods clearly presented, well justified and appropriate? | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No [ ]  Developing |
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| Is the review of literature and/or theoretical frameworks sufficient for this stage of the research?  | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No [ ]  Developing |
| *Assessor Comments*      |
| Is the writing clear and of appropriate quality? | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No [ ]  Developing |
| Is there a clear timeline and plan for the next 12 months, and is this realistic for the proposal? | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No [ ]  Not provided |
| Overall, do you feel the candidate has made sufficient progress and put forward a proposal that meets the criteria for confirmation of candidature?  | [ ]  Yes[ ]  Yes, but changes or additional supports will be required (feedback below)[ ]  No (please explain below) |
| *General comments or feedback e.g. Strengths of the proposal? Limitations (if any)?*       |

Upon completion of the Confirmation of Candidature please email the form to the relevant HDR Academic Advisor (or HDR Coordinator) and cc in student and supervisory team. The student will then upload the form into the inspire system.  |