**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY/MASTERS BY RESEARCH THESIS EXAMINATION FORM**

As an examiner, you are required to complete this form and attach a written report providing a detailed justification of your evaluation.

The deadline is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Date) to submit the form and your report to the Office of the Pro Vice Chancellor Research (OPVCR) by email [eo-pvcr@fnu.ac.fj](mailto:eo-pvcr@fnu.ac.fj) or to Manager HDR [deepak.c@fnu.ac.fj](mailto:deepak.c@fnu.ac.fj)

Your valuable contribution to this student’s examination is highly appreciated.

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| **PART A : STUDENT DETAILS** |

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| Candidate Name : | | |
| Candidate ID Number : | | |
| College/ School : | | |
| Degree to be examined: | PhD | Masters by Research |
| Date Thesis received by the examiner : | | |

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| **PART B: EXAMINER DETAILS** |

(Examiner details shall be kept confidential and not disclosed to the candidate unless the examiner consents to release his/ her identity)

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| Name of Examiner |  |
| Examiners Affiliation |  |
| Qualification |  |
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| **PART C : EXAMINER’S RECOMMENDATION** |

Based on the examination of the thesis, please make a recommendation on the outcomes of the examination.

Recommendation: (only one box to be ticked)

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| I | A clear pass: the candidate proceeds to the oral examination. |  |
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| II | A pass with minor changes: the candidate proceeds to the oral examination after satisfactorily completing the minor changes. |  |
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| III | A pass with substantial change: the option is provided for the student to revise and resubmit the thesis. It will be decided by HDRC based on examiners' reports for a second examination or for supervisor and HDRC approval. Once the candidate satisfactorily completes the changes approved by HDRC, the candidate can proceed to the oral examination. |  |
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| IV | A pass with a major rewrite and resubmit for examination: the option is provided for the student to revise and resubmit the thesis for a new examination. The candidate will proceed to oral examination only when HDRC approves the second examination report. |  |
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| V | A fail may result in the option to award another degree on the recommendation of HDRC. Requirements for alternative degrees will apply. |  |
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| VI | A failed thesis: does not merit any qualification. |  |
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| Based on the outcomes of either option i or ii, it is recommended that the thesis should be placed on the Pro Vice Chancellor Research’s s list for excellence. | |  |

Note that the Pro Vice Chancellor Research’s (PVCR) list for excellence is reserved for thesis that are judged to be of original contribution to the subject field, is of high-quality in terms of scholarship, and have received exceptional comments from the external examiners. A prerequisite for qualification for the PVCR’s list for excellence is the passing of the thesis without any requirements for more than minor corrections. Inclusion on the PVCR’s list, which is at the discretion of the PVCR and the Higher Degree by Research Committee, also takes into account the timeliness of completion, and will be awarded each year to the top doctoral and masters by research candidates.

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| **PART D: CONFIDENTIALITY WAIVER** |

I have read the FNU External Examiner Guideline for Research Degrees.

Please note that your report will initially be released to the candidate and their supervisors once the Higher Degree by Research Committee has approved the Examiners’ Reports. Oral Examination questions will help clarify unclear issues identified in the thesis during the Oral Examination.

Your recommendation will help identify candidates for the PVCR’s list for excellence.

Your name will not be released to the candidate unless you have indicated an agreement by ticking the box below.

I agree to allow my name to be released to the candidate

Name: Click here to enter text.

Signed: ……………………………………………………………………….. Date: Click here to enter a date.

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| **PART E : EVALUATION** |

***This section will be released to the candidate and their supervisors before the Oral Examination.***

Candidate’s name: Click here to enter text.

Thesis title: Click here to enter text.

The examiner is to provide a report on each criterion of assessment to ascertain the quality, comprehensiveness, and originality of the research.

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| **Nature and scope of the investigation**  Click here to enter text. |
| **Meets internationally recognised standards for such work.***(Please comment)*  Click here to enter text. |
| **Knowledge of the literature relevant to the subject and the discipline/s to which the subject belongs, and the candidate's ability to exercise critical and analytical judgment of the literature.***(Please comment)*  Click here to enter text. |

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| **Research problem/objectives/question/hypothesis/significance of research has been clearly stated and aligned to critical analysis of literature.** *(Please comment)*  Click here to enter text. |
| **The research design and the methodology are adequate and relevant. The candidate's ability to justify the choice on the methodology and methods of data collection, analysis, and reporting is correct and fully justified. .** *(Please comment)*  Click here to enter text. |
| **Please comment on reporting of the findings and discussion of the findings** |
| **Comments on tying the study/ conclusion, summary, recommendations, further/ future research** |
| **The contribution made to the subject field, including the extent to which the thesis contains original, publishable work or merit.** *(Please comment)*  Click here to enter text. |

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| **Additional comments:**  Click here to enter text. |

**Oral Examination**

The thesis is satisfactory, and the candidate should proceed to the oral examination.

The thesis requires some modification, but the candidate can proceed to the oral examination.

The thesis is not at the standard expected for the award of the degree, and the candidate should revise and resubmit.

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| **Questions for the oral examination:**  Click here to enter text. |

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| **PART F : CORRECTIONS AND/OR REVISIONS** |

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| Recommended corrections, if any:  Click here to enter text. |

**PART G: CONFIDENTIAL SECTION**

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| (for any comments the examiner does not wish the candidate to see)  Click here to enter text. |
| **Any additional comments**  Click here to enter text. |