COMPLETION OF THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL FOR THE DOCTOR OF MEDICINE DEGREE

Students should note the following when preparing the research proposal.

1. Field of Study
This should be general and preferably in line with the fields listed by DEETYA (e.g., Biotechnology, Engineering). You should also include the Discipline Group Code. You may refer to these Codes on the web. (http://www.adelaide.edu.au/GSSO/post/codepage.html) Please indicate if there has been a change in the field of study originally stated in the enrolment form. If YES, please indicate whether the change is minor (a refinement) or major. A major change will require approval by the Faculty Higher Degrees Committee.

2. Thesis Title
The proposed title is the working title, the final version of which will eventually appear in the Academic Transcript and should not exceed 160 characters and spaces (the current Student Information Systems (SIS) is unable to accommodate more than 160).

3. The Research Proposal
Please attach a copy of your research proposal (and literature review, if required by your department or faculty) developed during your Structured Program. It should be a detailed description of the scope and purpose of the research to be undertaken and the methodology to be employed. In working out the proposal, the following points should be noted.

3.1 Availability of Data/Materials and Financial Support
- Are adequate funds available to provide materials and (required) travel to complete your research?
- Can your proposed research be undertaken here in Adelaide, given the available resources?
- If not, where will you have to go in order to complete the research? For how long?
- Will it be financially possible for you to work outside Adelaide?

- Is formal permission required to access restricted/confidential materials/data?
- Can these materials/data be used in any form in the thesis and published?
- Is there an expectation that an embargo on the thesis may be required when the thesis has been examined?

3.2 Supervision
In the case of (or what looks like) an interdisciplinary topic, has the possibility of joint supervision with somebody in another department (either in this university or another university) or from industry been considered?

3.3 Examiners
Is it going to be possible to find suitable examiners for the thesis which eventuates from the research proposed? (This is an especially important consideration in the case of interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary research, the results of which may be received unsympathetically by an examiner grounded in only one of the disciplines dealt with by the thesis.)

3.4 Foreign Languages
If the subject of research is some aspect of a culture whose native language is not English, do you have an adequate knowledge of the language of that culture? If not, is your dependency on English translations likely to invalidate the research in the opinion of an examiner?

4. Description of Work / Method of Research
How do you intend to go about the research proposed?

5. Ethics and Safety Clearance
Section E relates to the University’s ethics and safety clearance policies. It is the responsibility of the supervisor(s) to obtain relevant ethics clearance (if this is required) from the appropriate University Ethics Committee and any other relevant bodies outside the University.
6. Authorship
Before you commence your candidature you and your supervisor(s) should discuss and arrive at an agreement about the authorship of any publications that may result from your research. You are asked to familiarise yourself with the University’s policy and guidelines on authorship which are outlined in Attachment F of the Code of Practice For Maintaining and Monitoring Academic Quality and Standards in Higher Degrees.

7 Intellectual Property
Section F in this form relates to the University's policy on intellectual property. Please refer to Attachments D and E of the Code for further details. A "YES" to Question 1 will also require the completion of Questions 2, 3, & 4. If the answer to Question 1 is "NO", do not complete Questions 2, 3, & 4.

8 Signatures
ALL of your supervisors are to sign this form. If a Supervisor is also Head of Department, then the Postgraduate Coordinator should sign for the Head. Similarly, if a supervisor is also the Postgraduate Coordinator, then the Head of Department should sign. In the rare instance where the supervisor, Postgraduate Coordinator and Head of Department are one and the same person, then the Deputy Head of Department should also sign the form.

9 Further information
Additional information about the Structured Program is available on the World Wide Web at


A copy of this form may also be downloaded from the this site.

David Lamb
Manager, Administrative Services Branch
July 2000
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### B. THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL

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### C. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is possible that in addition to the basic infrastructure support for your research, your project may involve field work or research outside the University (local / interstate, or overseas). You may require special facilities such as interlibrary loans, or access to specific materials / facilities / data.

1. With this in mind, what are the estimated costs of your research?

2. To what extent, if any, will your department contribute to these costs?

**NOTE:** It is your responsibility to arrange for funding for the research, or to bear any costs not covered by funding from your department.

### D. ACCESS TO RESTRICTED DATA AND/OR MATERIALS

1. Does this research require access to restricted materials/information?
   - YES   
   - NO
   
   *(If “YES”, please answer questions 2 to 4 as well.)*

2. Has official permission been granted for the use of these materials/information?
   - YES   
   - NO
3. Does the use of these materials/information restrict the publication of your thesis?
   YES □ NO □

4. Is there an expectation of an embargo being placed on your thesis when it has been examined?
   YES □ NO □

E. ETHICS AND SAFETY CLEARANCE

1. Does the proposed research involve use of animals or human subjects, recombinant DNA or use of teratogens?
   YES □ NO □

   If “YES”, you must attach a copy of the clearance certificate or document and indicate which of the following clearances have been approved:
   - Animal Ethics Committee □
   - Human Ethics Committee □
   - Biohazards Committee □
   - Biosafety Committee □

   If clearance has not been obtained, please enclose a statement giving the reasons why this is so and an indication of when the clearance can be obtained. You should note that your candidature will not be confirmed until the required documents have been received.

   Please note:

   Candidates whose research involves the use of animals (refer Animal Ethics Committee policy document) or human subjects (refer Human Ethics Committee policy document) need to obtain approval from the respective University of Adelaide ethics committee. It is also necessary for candidates who conduct research at any other institution to obtain ethical clearance from both institutions. A candidate may not engage in research involving animals or human subjects including research in hospitals unless the project has been approved in advance by the relevant University ethics committee.

F. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ISSUES

   (To be completed by the student, supervisor(s), and head of department or course coordinator.)

1. Is this project likely to generate intellectual property which has the potential for commercial development and in which the University itself or an outside funding body may have an interest?
   YES □ NO □

   (If "NO", proceed to Section G. If "YES", please answer Questions 2, 3 & 4 as well.)

   • On receipt of this notification, Graduate Studies, will arrange for the signing, by the student, of a Student Project Participation Agreement.

   • Please note that the approval of the proposed research is dependent upon the signing of this Agreement.

   Comment:

2. Have attempts been made by the supervisor(s) to obtain external funding and/or are funds available for the establishment of a scholarship or supplementary scholarship to compensate the student for signing the Student Project Participation Agreement?
   YES □ NO □

   Comment:
3. Is the student in an employment relationship with an outside organisation?

[ ] YES  [ ] NO

3.1 If “YES”, have the intellectual property implications of this relationship been appropriately dealt with?

[ ] YES  [ ] NO

4. Please indicate below if the student, supervisor, and/or department have signed a commercial and/or confidentiality agreement or contract with any organisation or funding body relating to this research project.

[ ] YES  [ ] NO

If “YES”, please enclose a copy of the agreement/contract with this form.

Comment:

G. CERTIFICATION/APPROVAL

1. Student:

I enclose a copy of my research proposal.

________________________
Student’s Signature

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Date

2. Supervisor(s):

- I/We confirm that the student has completed the research proposal.

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3. Head of Department or Postgraduate Co-ordinator

The student’s research proposal has been accepted by the Department and a copy is enclosed.

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*Head of Department/
*Postgraduate Co-ordinator

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Date

4. *Higher Degrees Committee / *Convenor’s Approval (Where applicable)

Comments (if any):

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Signature of Convenor

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Date

(* Delete as appropriate)
5. Board of Graduate Studies Approval  
(Where applicable)

Comments (if any):


Signature of Dean of Graduate Studies


Graduate Studies Officer


Date


Date

For office use only.

Commencement date:

Expiry date:

Previous qualification(s):

Student Project Participation Agreement signed on:

Qualifying period, commenced:

Due date:

Comments: