**RESEARCH DEGREE** **EXAMINER'S PRELIMINARY REPORT**

Each examiner must complete an individual preliminary report based on an initial assessment of the student’s work. Preliminary reports must be exchanged between examiners (and with the independent chair if appointed) before the oral examination is held so that they can be used to formulate questions and assist in preparing for the oral examination. Hand-written reports will not be accepted.

Examiners’ reports are sent to the student and their supervisors after the Research Degrees Examination Board has reached a decision. All reports remain confidential and must not be shared with the student or their supervisors until after the Board’s decision.

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| Degree examined |  |
| Student's department |  |
| Supervisors |  |
| Title of dissertation |  |
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| Reports must be informative and specific to the student and their dissertation. Generic reports will not be accepted. |
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| 1. Comments on the student's dissertation (or published work submitted), with reference to:
* the purpose of the research and the approach taken
* application of research methods
* review of the literature
* any collaboration
* contribution to the advancement of knowledge
* literary form and presentation
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| **2. Topics that the examiner has identified for discussion with the student during the oral examination** |
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| **3. Additional comments, if any** |
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| **Examiner's signature:** |
| Signature | Print name | Date |
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| Role *(please delete as appropriate)* | Internal Examiner /External Examiner |  |
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| After the oral examination, the internal examiner (or independent chair if there is no internal examiner) must include the examiners' individual preliminary reports when they submit the joint final report to the School PGR Director. |

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