

NOMINATION OF EXAMINERS CHECKLIST FOR PRINCIPAL SUPERVISORS

IMPORTANT: Prior to lodging the Nomination of Examiners form, it is recommended the Principal Supervisor reviews and completes the following checklist to ensure compliance of process in accordance with [*Victoria University's Higher Degree by Research Procedure 9 Submission, Examination and Classification.](#)

This is a self-assessment tool only and isn't required to be submitted with the Nomination of Examiners.

SECTION A.

Principal Supervisor Name:	
Candidate Name and ID:	
Intended Submission Date:	

SECTION B. NUMBER OF EXAMINERS REQUIRED

Traditional, Creative Project (no live component) and with Publication theses

Two (2) appropriately qualified experts of international standing in their discipline/field.

or

Thesis by Creative Project (with a live performance and exhibition)

Three (3) appropriately qualified experts of international standing in their discipline (two plus a reserve).

** Reference section 6 part Part D - PhD and Research Masters: Nomination of Examiners (21)*

SECTION C. REQUIREMENTS FOR POTENTIAL EXAMINERS

Necessary requirements in order to qualify as a potential examiner:

Two (2) experts of international standing in their discipline/field (eg 1 domestic and 1 **international)

*** if unable to provide an international examiner, a written justification is required.*

Examiners cannot be from the same institution

External to Victoria University

Associated with a University or research Institution

Have demonstrated current research expertise relevant to the thesis

No conflict of interest in relation to the candidate, supervisors and University, in accordance with the official Victoria University [Conflict of Interest in Thesis Examination Guidelines](#) at the time of nomination and throughout the examination process;

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SECTION D. COMMUNICATIONS

Candidate may provide a list of suggested examiners

Supervisor to nominate suitable examiners (which may, or may not include candidate suggestions)

Principal Supervisor is responsible for contacting potential examiners

Principal Supervisor to inform candidate of their proposed examiners to safeguard against any conflict of interest

Candidate and supervisor are not to make contact with the examiner/s during the examination period

The University is committed to Planetary Health and will not print hard copies of theses. If requested by an examiner, the candidate is responsible to provide the Graduate Research School with a temporary bound copy of their thesis. The candidate is also responsible to ensure the submitted hardcopy is the same version as the submitted electronic copy.

**Reference section 6 part Part D - PhD and Research Masters: Nomination of Examiners (24 & 25)*

Supervisor communication with potential examiners

Contact potential examiner/s

Are the examiners available to assess the thesis at the expected time of submission?

Can the examiners provide a report within a six-week time frame?

Are the examiners willing to re-examine the thesis if a 'deferred' recommendation is submitted?

Have the examiners been advised and agree to examine the thesis on a confidential basis?

If known at the time of nomination that an examiner is unable to provide their report within a six-week period, but the Principal Supervisor wishes to proceed with the nomination, the candidate must be informed of the expected delay. In addition, the Supervisor is to receive the candidate's written agreement to the delay. This should be provided with the nomination documentation to researchexaminations@vu.edu.au.

Request a current CV and list of publications

Request number of theses (and type of research degree) previously examined

[Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme - Thesis Examiner](#) form must be completed by each nominated examiner and attached to the Nomination of Examiners form.

Advise examiners they will be paid an honorarium in accordance with [Universities Australia's guidelines](#).

- Doctoral Degrees = \$549.00 (2023 Rate)
- Master Degrees = \$309.00 (2023 Rate)

**Reference section 6 Part D – PHD and Research Masters: Nomination of Examiners (27 - 30)*

SECTION E. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION OF EXAMINERS

The [Nomination of Examiners form](#), dated and signed by Candidate and Supervisor

A copy of thesis abstract is attached

Provide information about each examiner that demonstrates their research and research training expertise in relation to the specific project, as well as their international standing in the field .

Identify and declare any major, or minor potential conflicts of interest in accordance with the [University Conflict of Interest](#) in Thesis Examination Guidelines

The candidate is aware of the identity of the examiners (as per the [Nomination of Examiners application](#))

The candidate has had no contact with the nominated examiners during the nomination process

The candidate and the supervisors will not contact the examiners during the examination process and

thereafter, until their thesis has been classified by the University. If contact is made during the examination process, the examiner/s will be null and void (as per the Nomination of Examiners application)

If a replacement examiner is required after the thesis has initially been released for examination, a [Nomination of a Replacement Examiner](#) form will need to be submitted.

Submit Nomination of Examiners application to researchexaminations@vu.edu.au

***Reference section 6 Part D – PHD and Research Masters: Nomination of Examiner (31 - 35)**

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