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| Information for referees | | | | | | |
| You have been asked to complete this form by a research degree (sometimes referred to as a higher degree by research or HDR) applicant to Deakin University. As a referee you should be able to comment on the applicant’s research expertise and potential.  This report is to provide information on the applicant’s eligibility and readiness for a research degree at Deakin University. In the case of scholarship applicants, this information will assist in their ranking.  Entry to a research degree at Deakin is based on a demonstrated capacity to undertake significant research in the proposed field. This can be done by completing:  • advanced coursework in a relevant field of study  • initial research training in appropriate methods; and  • a research project resulting in a written report, thesis or comparable output.  We would appreciate your comments on whether the applicant has achieved these goals. If you are unable to comment on a particular section please leave it blank. Below is the Deakin grading system to provide you with a guide for comparison and examples of other achievements which may show the applicant’s readiness for a research degree.  **Grading system**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Grade | Description | Length of thesis (words) | % Percentage range | | H1 | First class Honours | 10,000 - 20,000 | 80% + | | H2A | Upper second class Honours | 10,000 - 20,000 | 70-79% | | H2B | Lower second class Honours | 10,000 - 20,000 | 60-69% |   Other achievements   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Evidence | Description | | Publications | Independently peer-reviewed   * journal articles * conference papers * other publications   **Note:** the contribution of the applicant must be clearly described where there are multiple authors | | Research experience | * Professional reporting * Prior learning * Research related awards/prizes * Other evidence of research ability | | | | | | | |
| Deadlines | | | | | | |
| **Candidature only applications** - return as soon as possible throughout the year.  **Scholarship applications** - 31 July for international applicants and 31 October for domestic applicants.  For other Scholarship closing dates, please visit the Deakin University research degrees scholarships website: <http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/scholarships-and-awards/research-degree-scholarships.php> | | | | | | |
| Section A: Applicant’s details (to be completed by applicant) | | | | | | |
| Applicant type | Domestic  International | | | | | |
| Scholarship | Yes  No | | | | | |
| Title |  | Family name | |  | | |
| Given name |  | Middle name | |  | | |
| Address |  | | | | | |
|  | | Postcode |  | | Country |  |
| Email address |  | | | | | |
| Date of birth |  | Deakin student ID (if known) | | |  | |
| Proposed degree |  | | | | | |
| Proposed project |  | | | | | |

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| Section B: Previous course details (to be completed by applicant) | |
| 1. Have you written a thesis embodying original research? | Yes  No |
| 1. Name of the course |  |
| 1. Name of the institution |  |
| 1. Years when you were enrolled in the program |  |
| 1. The scale or percentage of the thesis as a proportion of the total course |  |
| 1. Approximate thesis length in words |  |
| 1. Grade or mark for the thesis |  |
| 1. Any other relevant academic qualifications |  |

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| Section C: Referee’s details (to be completed by referee) | | | |
| Title |  | Family name |  |
| Given name |  | Middle name |  |
| Position |  | | |
| Qualifications |  | | |
| Institution/Organisation |  | | |
| Institution website |  | | |
| School/Department |  | | |
| Institutional email |  | | |
| Phone (incl. area code) |  | | |

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| Section D: Referee’s comments (to be completed by referee) | | | | |
| 1. Relationship to the applicant (e.g. Previous supervisor) | | | | |
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| 1. Contact period with the applicant (e.g. ‘I supervised applicant’s research project from 2010’) | | | | |
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| 1. If you have supervised the applicant during a research course, are the course details above correct? | | | Yes  No  Not sure | |
| 1. Please indicate the actual or predicted academic achievement of the applicant. | | | Actual  Predicted | |
| H1 (first class honours, 80%+)  H2A (upper second class honours, 70-79%)  H2B (lower second class honours, 60-69%)  Other, please specify | | | | |
| 1. Please comment on the applicant's publication record (e.g. Number of refereed publications, academic status of publications, applicant's contribution in the case of multiple authorship) if applicable. | | | | |
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| 1. How would you rate the applicant's quality as a researcher? | | | | |
| Exceptional  Above average  Average  Below average | | | | |
| 1. What skills would the applicant bring to a research degree program? | | | | |
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| 1. The level of support that I give the applicant is: | | | | |
| Unreserved  Strong  Fairly strong  Moderate  None at all | | | | |
| 1. Additional comments - if insufficient space, please attach further page(s). | | | | |
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| Referee’s signature: |  | Date: (dd/mm/yyyy) | |  |
| **Thank you for the time and effort involved in completing this reference. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.** | | | | |

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| Submission instructions | | |
| ***DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM TO THE APPLICANT***  Please return this completed referee report to Deakin by email as soon as possible. | | |
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