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|  Deakin_Worldly_Logo[rgb].pngRESEARCH DEGREE ACADEMIC REFEREE REPORT  |
| 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**

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| 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

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| 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
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| 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
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| 1. Name of the institution
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| 1. Years when you were enrolled in the program
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| 1. The scale or percentage of the thesis as a proportion of the total course
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| 1. Approximate thesis length in words
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| 1. Grade or mark for the thesis
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| 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 |       |
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| School/Department |       |
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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?
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| [ ]  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:
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| [ ]  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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