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| 1: CANDIDATE DETAILS | | | | | |
| Family name: | |  | | Given name(s): |  |
| Student ID (if/when known): | | |  | Program:  PhD  MPhil | |
| The applicant is:  Domestic  International | | | | Attendance:  Full-time  Part-time | |
| Thesis Title: |  | | | | |

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| **2: ADVISORY TEAM** | | | |
| **Role** | **Name** | **Signature** | **Date** |
| **Principal Advisor** |  |  |  |
| **Associate Advisor** |  |  |  |

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| **3: MILESTONE REVIEW PANEL** | | | |
| **Chair of Panel** |  |  |  |
| **Panel Member** |  |  |  |
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| **4: RECOMMENDATION(S) – to be completed by Chair of Panel** | |
| **Confirm candidature at:** Date |  |
| **Transfer to other RHD program:** Date  **MPhil** (confirmed)  **PhD** (provisional) |  |
| **Extend provisional candidature:** (3 months) |  |
| **General comments** | |
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| **5: DOES THE STUDENT AGREE WITH THESE RECOMMENDATION(S)?** | |
| Yes Candidate’s signature  No |  |
| **Candidate’s Comments** | |
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**Sections 6 through to 9 are to be completed by the Chair of Panel in consultation with the confirmation panel, advisors and student, during the review**

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| **6. WRITTEN COMPONENT** | | |
| **Problem Summary: Has the student articulated a suitable research problem?** | | |
| Yes  No | Comments | |
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| **Objectives: Is the scope and objectives adequately defined and appropriate to PhD/MPhil program?** | | |
| Yes  No | Comments | |
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| **Literature Review: Has previous work been critically reviewed/is the current problem put in context?** | | |
| Yes  No | Comments | |
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| **Approach: Does the approach address the project problem appropriately?** | | |
| Yes  No | Comments | |
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| **Work Plan: Is the plan sufficiently detailed and achievable?** | | |
| Yes  No | Comments | |
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| **Schedule: Is the time scale for the work realistic/feasible?** | | |
| Yes  No | Comments | |
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| **Written English** | | |
| Excellent  Good  Satisfactory  Needs Improvement | | Comments |
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| **Written component - General Comments** | | |
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| **7. ORAL COMPONENT (SEMINAR)** | |
| **Preparation (Structure & timing, appropriate content)** | |
| Excellent  Good  Satisfactory  Needs Improvement | Comments |
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| **Presentation (Professionalism, mannerisms, expression)** | |
| Excellent  Good  Satisfactory  Needs Improvement | Comments |
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| **Audio visuals** | |
| Excellent  Good  Satisfactory  Needs Improvement | Comments |
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| **Depth of scientific knowledge/ability to answer questions** | |
| Excellent  Good  Satisfactory  Needs Improvement | Comments |
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| **Communication skills** | |
| Excellent  Good  Satisfactory  Needs Improvement | Comments |
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| **Oral Component (Seminar) - General Comments** | |
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| **8. ORAL COMPONENT (INTERVIEW)** | |
| **Suitability of topic: If No, what changes should be made?** | |
| Yes  No | Comments |
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| **Understanding of the objectives of the project: If No, what action should be taken?** | |
| Yes  No | Comments |
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| **Adequacy of student’s scientific/engineering, research techniques and technical skills: If No, what action should be taken?** | |
| Yes  No | Comments |
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| **Availability/access to facilities /equipment/maintenance funds: If No, what action should be taken:** | |
| Yes  No | Comments |
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| **Frequency of communication with advisors** | |
| Daily  Weekly  Fortnightly  Monthly | Comments |
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| **General Comments** | |
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| **9: RECOMMENDED ACHIEVEMENTS BY MID-CANDIDATURE REVIEW** |
| The Chair of the confirmation panel in consultation with the confirmation panel, advisors and student outline the achievements that the student is expected to have reached by the mid-candidature review; in addition to those listed in the thesis plan. This can include conference abstracts/poster, and published, submitted and in preparation papers, thesis chapters, patents, etc. |
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