

FACULTY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY/MASTERS (BY RESEARCH) CANDIDATURE DEFENSE

ASSESSMENT FORM

Name of Candidate Matric. No:

Title of Project

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No	Criterion	Yes	No	Comments
1.	There is a general introduction to the research project	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2.	The problem underlying the research has been clearly defined	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.	The objectives of the research have been clearly stated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4.	The motivation / rationale for the research has been clearly described	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.	Key works and authors in the domain have been identified and referred to	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6.	The procedure / methodology / solution to the problem has been clearly described	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7.	The significance / potential contribution of the research has been described	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(Please use the reverse side for any additional comments)

Other Comments / Suggestions

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Overall Recommendation

Proceed with research Present again before proceeding Fail

Date:

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Signature and Name of Panel Member

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GUIDELINES FOR MASTERS (BY RESEARCH) & PhD DEGREE CANDIDATURE DEFENSE

University Requirements

1. The Candidature Defense is required for all students registered at University of Malaya for Masters degree by research and PhD.
2. The Candidature Defense shall be held not later than the end of the 2nd semester after registration for Masters candidates and 5th semester for PhD candidates.

Faculty Guidelines

3. The date and time for the Candidature Defense shall be arranged by the office of the Deputy Dean (Postgraduate).
4. Each candidate shall be given 20 minutes to present his/her work, followed by 15 minutes of question-and-answer session, and 5 minutes for the Panel to summarize their comments.
5. The candidate's presentation should include
 - a. a brief introduction to the research project
 - b. a statement of the problem
 - c. objectives of project
 - d. key literature referred to
 - e. the proposed methodology
 - f. the significance of the project
6. The presentation shall be assessed by a Panel of Assessors, comprising the Head of Department, one member from the Department, and one panel expert (who may be from within the department or outside).
7. The Panel shall provide a written report to the candidate. The report shall include an assessment of the
 - a. Strengths of the project,
 - b. Weaknesses of the project
 - c. Areas for improvement, and
 - d. an overall recommendation (Proceed with Research as presented, Present again before proceeding, or Fail).

The final report, to be signed by the Head of Department, shall be given to the Supervisor within 10 days of the presentation with a copy for the student and a copy to the Deputy Dean (Postgraduate).