Doctor of Medicine (Research) (MD(Res))

Examiners Report

Copies of the examiners’ preliminary and joint reports must be submitted, alongside a completed Examiners Report, to the Registry’s Assessment Records Team ([assessment.records@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:assessment.records@imperial.ac.uk)) within **two weeks of the oral examination**.

The College’s appointed Internal Examiner is responsible for ensuring that the required documents are submitted to the Registry for processing.

# **Section 1: Examination details**

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| **Name of Candidate:** |  |

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| **Name of Internal Examiner/s:** |  | | | |
| **Name of External Examiner/s:** |  | | | |
| **Date of oral examination:**  ***N/A if the requirement for an oral examination was waived upon resubmission*** | Click or tap to enter a date. | | | |
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| **Supervisor present:** | Yes | | No | |
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| **Mode of Viva:** | Standard (*All participants are in-person*) | | | |
| Remote (*All participants are remote*) | | | |
| Hybrid (*At least one participant is remote*) | | | |

# **Section 2: Examination outcome**

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| The examiners report that they have examined the thesis submitted and have also examined the candidate orally on the subject of the thesis and have determined: | | | | | | | |
| *Examiners should select* ***one*** *result outcome only:* | | | | | | | |
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| a) |  | **that the candidate has satisfied them in the examination for the degree of MD(Res)** | | | | | |
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| b) |  | **that to satisfy the examiners in the examination for the degree of MD(Res), the candidate is required to make specified minor amendments to the examiners’ satisfaction within 3 months** | | | | | |
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|  |  | The  *tick all that apply* | internal examiner | | external examiner | | |
|  |  | is tasked with checking that the amendments have been completed satisfactorily | | | | | |
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|  | *Provision of minor amendments* | | | | | | |
|  |  | The examiners have provided the candidate with the list of the minor amendments required to award the degree of MD(Res) | | | | | |
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|  |  | The Assessment Records Team is asked to provide the candidate with the list of the minor amendments required to award the degree of MD(Res) | | | | | |
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|  | *See Section 4 for information on reporting the completion of minor amendments* | | | | | | |
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| c) |  | **that the candidate be permitted to re-enter for the examination for the MD(Res) degree and to re-present the thesis in a revised form within 18 months** | | | | | |
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|  |  | A further oral examination is: | | | | | |
|  |  | required | | not required | | not yet decided | |
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| d) |  | **that the candidate be permitted to re-present the same thesis and re-enter for the oral examination for the MD(Res) no later than**  *\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***months\****  *\*specified period must not exceed 18 months* | | | | | |
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| e) |  | **that the candidate has not satisfied them in the examination and is not permitted to re-enter for the examination for the MD(Res) degree** | | | | | |

## Joint and preliminary examiner reports

The joint final report will be released routinely to candidates for their personal information.

This report should give the grounds on which the examiners’ decision is based and should include the candidate’s name; thesis title; the signatures of each of the examiners; and the date.

The examiners’ independent, preliminary reports will not normally be released to candidates, unless indicated by the examiners:

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|  | **We wish the candidate to receive copies of our preliminary reports** |

Examiners should not refer to their preliminary reports in the final joint report, unless they have indicated above that the candidate should receive copies of these.

# **Section 3: Thesis requirements**

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| *Please note that the below does not apply where examination outcome c) or e) is reported* | |
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| In making this report, the examiners conclude that they have satisfied themselves that the thesis meets the requirements for award, as noted in section 4.3 of the College’s Academic Regulations for the award of the MD(Res) degree, and: | |
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| a) | consists of the candidate’s own account of their investigations, and is genuinely the work of the candidate |
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| b) | forms a distinct contribution to knowledge of the subject and affords evidence of originality by the discovery of new facts and/or by the exercise of independent critical power |
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| c) | is an integrated whole and presents a coherent argument |
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| d) | gives a critical assessment of the relevant literature, describes the method of research and its findings, and includes a discussion on those findings and in what respects they appear to advance the study of the subject; and in, so doing, demonstrate a deep and synoptic understanding of the field of study, objectivity and the capacity of judgement in complex situations and autonomous work in that field |
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| e) | is written in English\* and is satisfactory as regards to the literary presentation |
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| f) | does not exceed the maximum word count allowance of 50,000 words |
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| g) | includes a full bibliography and references |
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| h) | demonstrates research skills relevant to the thesis |
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| i) | is of a standard to merit publication in whole, in part, or in a revised form |

# **Section 4: Completion of minor amendments**

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| If you have determined in Section 2 that the candidate is required to make specified minor amendments to the thesis, the examiners can give instructions on the required revisions to the candidate immediately following the viva examination. You must also clearly set out the amendments required in writing and refer to these in your joint examiners report. | |
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| The candidate is required to submit the revised thesis to the examiner nominated in Section 2 within three months of the date of the oral examination\* | |
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| *\*where no oral examination was required following re-submission, the revised thesis must be submitted for review within three months of the date of notification of the outcome* | |
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| In some cases, the candidate may complete the minor revisions to the examiner/s satisfaction within two weeks of the oral examination and prior to submission of the formal examination paperwork. | |
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| If the candidate has already completed the minor amendments required, please confirm below: | |
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|  | **The candidate has made the minor amendments required to our satisfaction** |
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| Alternatively, satisfactory completion of the minor amendments must be confirmed in writing to the Registry Assessment Records Team at [assessment.records@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:assessment.records@imperial.ac.uk). | |

# **Section 5: Examiners’ signatures**

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| **Internal Examiner/s signature:** |  | Date: |  |
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| **External Examiner/s signature:** |  | Date: |  |
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# Guidance and further information

Should you require any assistance or further information on the College’s doctoral examination procedures and requirements, please contact the Registry Assessment Records Team:

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