Preliminary Report of an Examiner on a Candidate

for the Degree of (Doctor of Philosophy / Professional Doctorate - (A Form)

*This form should be completed and returned to The Graduate School* ***before the oral examination is held.*** *Examiners can bring it on the day of the examination, or email it to The Graduate School in advance. However, should an Examiner find any evidence of plagiarism in the submission, they should notify The Graduate School immediately, and at least ten working days in advance of the scheduled examination date, because the University’s regulations may require the oral examination to be suspended pending formal investigation.*

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| 1. **Candidate Details**   Name:  Title of submission:  Type of award: PhD **🗆** Professional Doctorate **🗆** |

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| 1. **Examiner’s Details** |
| Name of Examiner: |
| You are the: Internal Examiner **🗆** External Examiner **🗆** |

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| 1. **Examiner’s Assessment on the Submission**   The following assessment refers to Section 1.1 (PhD) or 1.3 (Professional Doctorate) of the University’s Academic Regulations for Research Awards. *\* Tick as appropriate* | | |
| 1. At this stage, does the submission have the potential to demonstrate that the candidate: | **YES\*** | **NO\*** |
| *(For PhD Only)*  *i)* has critically investigated and evaluated a chosen topic resulting in an independent and original contribution to knowledge and understanding (i.e. worthy of publication and peer review by the academic community)? |  |  |
| *(For Professional Doctorate Only)*  *i)* has critically investigated and evaluated a chosen topic resulting in an independent and original contribution to knowledge and professional practice in the field? |  |  |
| *ii)* has an understanding of research methods appropriate to the research field? |  |  |
| 1. Has the submission been presented to a professional standard? |  |  |
| 1. Is the Abstract satisfactory? |  |  |
| 1. **Examiner’s Report** | | |
| Give a short report on the submission, based upon the following headings:  *(around 300 words in total should be sufficient)*:  *1. a) (PhD only) The original contribution to knowledge and understanding*  *or*  *b) (Professional Doctorate only) The original contribution to knowledge and professional practice in the field:*   * *Interrogate rigorous academic/critical analysis with practical relevance and application* * *Translate ideas into a form understandable by and meaningful to the profession* * *To communicate and disseminate ideas to fellow professionals to stimulate development of good practice* * *To further research into and enhance the profession generally*   *2. The candidate’s understanding of research methods*  *3. The standard of presentation of the submission*  *4. The Abstract*  *5. Any issues to be addressed in the oral examination* | | |
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| Examiner’s signature: …………………………………………………………..Date:………………………. | | |