



## **NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF EXAMINERS OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (BY PRIOR PUBLICATION) SUBMISSION**

### **Standard for the Award of the Degree**

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy (by Prior Publication) will be awarded to an applicant who, through published work of which the applicant is either author or joint author, has made an original scholarly contribution to knowledge and demonstrated a capacity for independent research as judged by independent experts applying appropriate international standards. The submission takes the form of a collection of original authored published works and an introductory statement. The standard for the degree will be the same as that required for the degree of PhD at Griffith University.

### **The Examination Board**

At least two external expert examiners of international standing, are appointed to assess the submission. A member of staff of the University is appointed as Chairperson of Examiners, whose task is to consider the reports of the examiners and make a recommendation to the University on the outcome of the examination.

The thesis examination process is conducted online through the Examiner's Evaluation Workcentre located in the Griffith University home page: [www.griffith.edu.au](http://www.griffith.edu.au)>Griffith Portal>Research>Academic Resources>Evaluation Workcentre:

- Examiners are asked to provide their recommendation on results of examination.
- Examiners are asked to provide a justification for their recommendation and a general evaluation of the thesis. Please note that in the case of competing recommendations, a recommendation may need to be set aside if not supported by a report detailing the justification for the recommendation.

Members of the examining panel must make an independent report and recommendation and are asked not to communicate directly with the candidate, the candidate's supervisor/s or each other.

Candidates are provided with copies of reports of the examiners and Chairperson of Examiners with their identity expunged. The identity of the examiners and Chairperson of Examiners will be revealed to the candidate when the examination is concluded. If this policy causes you concern, you are asked not to accept the task of examiner or Chairperson of Examiners.

### **The Examination**

The University's policy on the examination of a PhD (by Prior Publication) enables an examiner to recommend that:

- 1 the degree be awarded; or
- 2 there be an oral defence of the submission; or
- 3 the degree be not awarded.

Although the nature of the submission does not permit revision and re-examination, examiners may request an oral or written defence of the submission. Where there is substantial disagreement between the examiners, the University may appoint a third examiner or an adjudicator examiner to consider and report on the submission and on the reports of the examiners.

## Further Information

Any questions about the submission or the examination procedure may be directed to:

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