*This form is intended for use by independent assessors to evaluate progress on Confirmation of Candidature and Mid Candidature Review presentations.*

**Higher Degrees by Research**

**Independent Assessor Feedback**

*Please note: decisions around candidature are not determined solely by this feedback. This form is intended to provide constructive and realistic feedback to the candidate and supervisory team about the research project, and is considered by the HDR co-ordinator in context with university Milestone documents.*

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| Candidate Name |       |
| Principal Supervisor |       |
| Milestone Type | [ ]  Confirmation of Candidature [ ]  Mid Candidature Review |
| Assessor’s Name |       |
| Assessor’s Affiliation |       |
| Date of Assessment |       |

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| Does the student have sufficient depth of background knowledge and understanding of the field to support the research project? | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No [ ]  Developing |
| *Assessor Comments*      |
| Are the research questions/aims/hypotheses clearly presented, well justified and appropriate? | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No [ ]  Unclear |
| *Assessor Comments*      |

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| Has sufficient progress been made for the milestone and length of candidature to date?*Note: students are not expected to have data to present at the Confirmation of Candidature* | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No [ ]  Unclear |
| *Assessor Comments*      |

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| Is there a clear timeline and plan for the next 12 months, and is this realistic for the proposal? | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No [ ]  Not provided |
| Are the candidate and members of the supervisory team meeting regularly?  | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No [ ]  Not discussed |
| Overall, do you feel the candidate has demonstrated progress which is on track for completion? | [ ]  Yes[ ]  Yes, but changes or additional supports will be required (feedback below)[ ]  No (please explain below) |
| *General comments or feedback*      |

**Upon completion**, please return this completed Feedback Form to the HDR candidate and their supervisory team to submit with their Milestone.