

The external examiner is asked to make a recommendation as to whether the student's thesis is ready to proceed to oral examination. The external examiner's report is submitted to the Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. The School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies distributes copies of the approved report to all members of the Examining Committee. The content of the report is confidential and must not be discussed with the student prior to the examination.

This report is to be submitted **10 Calendar Days before the date of the scheduled examination**. Depending on the recommendation, the Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and the Examining Committee may meet to determine whether or not to proceed with the examination.

Student Name:

Degree:

Program:

Thesis Title:

EXTERNAL EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION ON THESIS

Check the category below that indicates your recommendation based on your judgment of the student's work as a PhD thesis in your discipline.

RECOMMENDATION

- ☐ Advance to the oral examination as scheduled.
- ☐ Not ready to proceed to the scheduled oral examination.

Using a separate sheet, **please provide a detailed rationale including strengths and weaknesses of the student's work**. A typical report length would be 1 - 3 pages. The completed form and report should be e-mailed to gradthesis@ontariotechu.ca.

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD (if applicable):

Graduate students who produce an **exceptional** Doctoral thesis are eligible for awards. The external examiner's report is extremely important in this process and will be relied on to assist in evaluating the most outstanding thesis. If you deem this thesis to be of exceptional quality, please complete the **Recommendation for Awards** form.

- ☐ I consider this thesis to be of exceptional quality.
- ☐ I consider this thesis to be not of exceptional quality.

Name of External Examiner

Signature

Date (dd/mmm/yyyy)

Approval:

Dean of SGPS/Delegate

Signature

Date (dd/mmm/yyyy)