

## Confirmation of Candidature – HDR Student

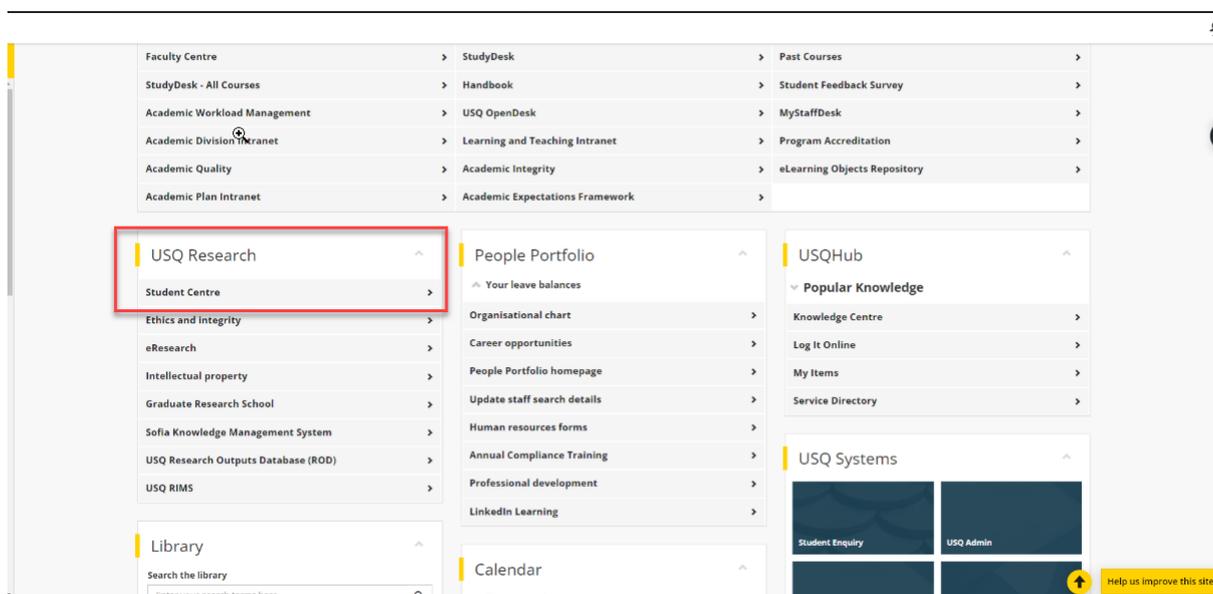
Admission to a Higher Degree by Research (HDR) program is normally provisional until the student successfully completes the confirmation of candidature process.

HDR students are normally considered to be *provisional* candidates in their respective programs until they have completed the confirmation of candidature process. Once they have completed that process, they are considered to be *confirmed* candidates. A confirmed candidate has access to their UniSQ research funding allocation, and has greater access to the University resources they need in order to complete their studies. Confirmation is a requirement of all UniSQ HDR programs. Further information regarding this process is available [here](#).

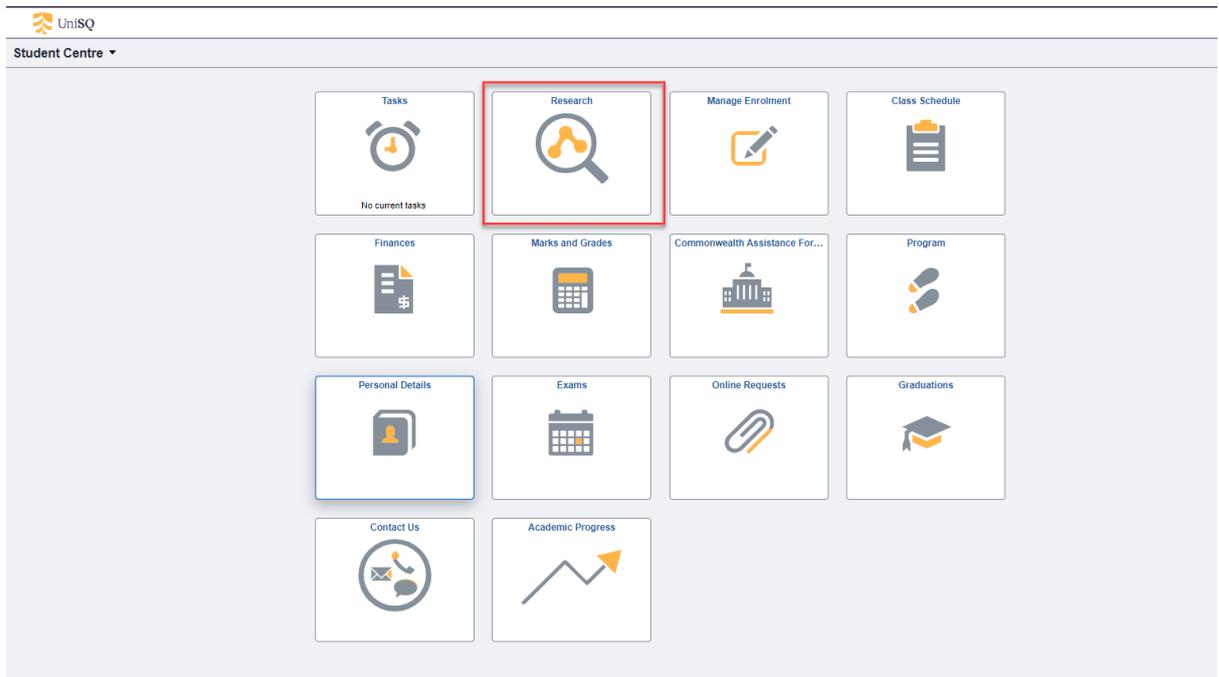
The Confirmation of Candidature process is available to students under their 'Research' tile in the Student Centre in the Candidature menu item.

### To access Confirmation of Candidature

1. Log in to your Student Centre by selecting the **Student Centre** link in UConnect ([uconnect.usq.edu.au](http://uconnect.usq.edu.au)) under the UniSQ Research heading.



2. Click on the Research tile.



This will open the 'Candidature Overview' page as shown below.

Student Centre Research

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**Candidature Overview**

Confirmation of Candidature ▾

Candidature ▾

**Candidature Overview**

▼ **Doctor of Philosophy**

Student ID

Candidate Number

Thesis Title

Supervisors

Program Status  
Active

Provisional Candidate
Confirmed Candidate
Under Examination

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▼ **Milestones**

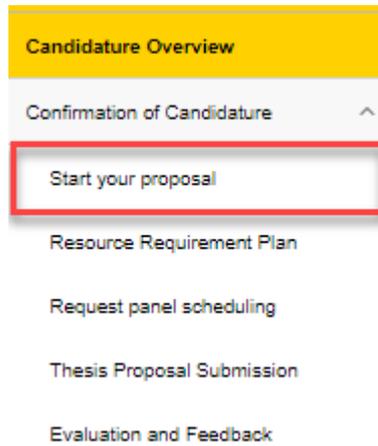
Milestone	Date Required	Date Completed
Confirmation of Candidature	07/03/2023	

▼ **Recent Requests**

Form Type	Submitted Date	Status	Category	Dates
Leave Request	23/11/2022	Request Approved	Standard	14/12/2022-23/12/2022

(Note: Student name, candidate number, thesis title, Supervisors will be populated with your information. These have been hidden in this document for privacy reasons).

3. Click on Confirmation of Candidature menu (left hand side) and select 'Start your proposal'



This will open the page as shown below. You will see that each Confirmation Step is at a Progress status of 'Not Started'. As you progress through the tasks under each step, the Progress status will change to reflect your completion of these tasks.

A screenshot of the 'Start your proposal' page. The page has a header with 'Student Centre' on the left and 'Research' on the right. A left-hand navigation menu is visible, with 'Start your proposal' selected. The main content area is titled 'Start your proposal' and includes a dropdown for 'Doctor of Philosophy'. Below this are fields for 'Student ID', 'Candidate Number', 'Thesis Title', and 'Supervisors'. A table shows the progress of various confirmation steps:

Confirmation Step	Progress	
Start your proposal	In Progress	 >
Resource Requirement Plan	Not Started	 >
Request seminar scheduling	Not Started	 >
Thesis Proposal Submission	Not Started	 >
Evaluation and Feedback	Not Started	 >

4. **Confirmation Step 1 – Start your proposal** - Select 'Start your proposal' and you will see the tasks that are required to be completed to start your confirmation process. Not all tasks are required to be completed at once. You may Save and return to complete at a later date. To return to the Confirmation of Candidature steps, select 'Back to List' button at the bottom of the page.

You are able to perform the following tasks on this page:

- Submit a request to change Thesis title
- Add Thesis Abstract
- Select Type of Thesis
- Propose seminar presentation location
- Submit responses to your supervisor regarding safety risks, intellectual property considerations and complete the relevant online forms
- Complete your library, research integrity and ethics training modules

The screenshot shows a web interface for starting a proposal. The top navigation bar is yellow with the USQ logo. A left sidebar contains a menu with 'Start your proposal' highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Start your proposal' and includes the following sections:

- Doctor of Philosophy**
- Student ID
- Candidate Number
- Thesis Title
- Supervisors
- Thesis Outline**
  - Revised Thesis Title (text input field)
  - Thesis Abstract (text input field)
- Type of Thesis (dropdown menu)
- Proposed Presentation Location (dropdown menu)
- Preparation**
  - Will your project require the use of hazardous chemicals, artificially genetically modified organisms, or heavy equipment? (radio button 'No')
  - Have you developed a plan for the disbursement and determination of Intellectual Property? (radio button 'No')
  - Library Skills Researchers Tutorial (Not Started)
  - Research Integrity Module (Not Started)
  - Ethics Module (Not Started)

Buttons for 'Save' and 'Back to List' are visible at the bottom of the form.

5. If you answer 'Yes' to your project requiring the use of hazardous chemicals, artificially genetically modified organisms, or heavy equipment, you will be provided with a link to UniSQ's Biosafety Procedure.

Start your proposal

Research ID: 00011476  
Candidate Number: 0000004918  
Thesis Title: In what way are the effects of climate change disrupting the phenology of Sea Turtles in the South Pacific  
Supervisors: Dr Kathryn Reardon-Smith, Dr Carol Kahn

Thesis Outline

Candidates must ensure they adhere to the [Guidelines for Confirmation of Candidature Proposal \(PDF 151KB\)](#) when preparing their thesis proposal. To facilitate this a [Confirmation of Candidature Proposal Template \(DOCX 45KB\)](#) is available, but its use is not mandatory.

Research Thesis Title: Climate and coastal development impacts on marine turtles in eastern Australia: a systems modelling analysis

Abstract

abstract...

Type of Thesis: By Publication  
Proposed Presentation Location: Zoom

Preparation

Will your project require the use of hazardous chemicals, artificially genetically modified organisms, or heavy equipment?

Yes  No [Risk Management Plan](#)

Have you developed a plan for the disclosure and determination of Intellectual Property?

Yes  No

[Research Data Management Plan](#) >  
Library Skills Researchers Tutorial

[Learning Skills Researchers Tutorial](#) >  
Research Integrity Module

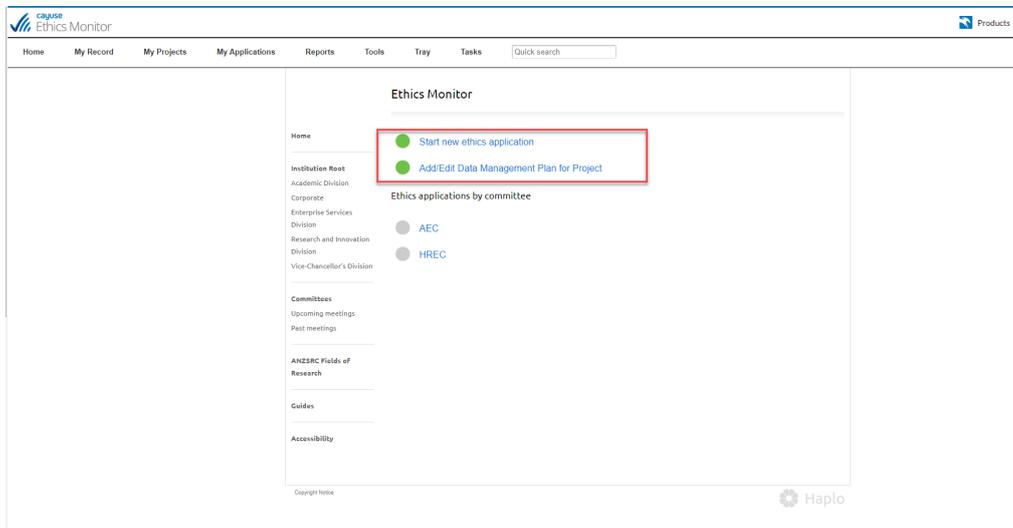
[Research Integrity Module](#) >  
Ethics Module

[Ethics Module](#) >

6. When reading through the BioSafety Procedure, you will see a link to the 'online hazard and incident management system' (Safetrak). You are required to complete a 'Risk Management Plan' if you have answered 'Yes'.



- If you answer 'Yes' to 'Have you developed a plan for the disbursement and determination of Intellectual Property', you will be provided with a link to UniSQ's 'Research Data Management Plan' and 'Ethics Application'.



- Confirmation Step 2 - Resource Requirement Plan.** Select Resource Requirement Plan and you will be able to complete your proposed requirements for resources throughout your candidature. Dependent upon whether you are in a Masters, Doctoral, Low-cost or High-cost program of study, a UniSQ Funding Allocation amount will appear at the top of the plan.

**Resource Requirement Plan**

→ Doctor of Philosophy

Student ID: 1  
Candidate Number: 1

Thesis Title:  
Machine perception in mast processing

Supervisors:  
Professor Peter Brett, Dr Tobias Liu

Scholarships:  
USD118 UniSQ International Post Research Scholarship  
USD119 UniSQ International Student Research Scholarship

**Resource Requirements Plan**

→ Estimated Expenditure from UniSQ Funding Allocation: **14200.00**

Requirement	Details of Requirement	Month/year	Estimated Cost

→ University Resources Required

Resource Type	Required	Details	*Resource Owner
Equipment	<input type="radio"/> No	Equipment	
Fuels	<input type="radio"/> No	Fuels	
Glasshouses	<input type="radio"/> No	Glasshouses	
Laboratory Space	<input type="radio"/> No	Laboratory Space	
Other	<input type="radio"/> No		

→ Estimated Expenditure from External Funding

Funding Source	Details of Requirement	Month/year	Estimated Cost

**Do you have any equipment?**  
 No

**Do you have any consumables?**  
 No

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9. **Confirmation Step 3 – Request Panel Scheduling.** If you are ready to request your panel to be scheduled, please select the Request Panel Scheduling step. You will see the following warnings in a yellow box if you have not completed the required steps or information prior to request to schedule your panel.

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Request panel scheduling

Doctor of Philosophy

Student ID

Candidate Number

Thesis Title

Supervisors

Panel Details

The following information needs to be provided before a panel can be scheduled

- Thesis Type
- Thesis Abstract
- Proposed Presentation Location

The following training modules must be completed before a panel can be scheduled

- Library Skills Researchers Tutorial
- Research Integrity Module
- Ethics Module

Request Panel scheduling

10. If you have completed all the required steps, you will be able to submit the following request for a panel to be scheduled by selecting the 'Request Panel Scheduling' button:

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Request panel scheduling

Jennifer Bowman

Master of Science (Research)

Student ID  
0061134738

Candidate Number  
00000003829

Thesis Title  
Is there evidence of repetition compulsion in careers counselling dialogue?

Supervisors  
Professor Peter McIlveen

Scholarship/s:  
USQ021 USQ Postgraduate Research Scholarship

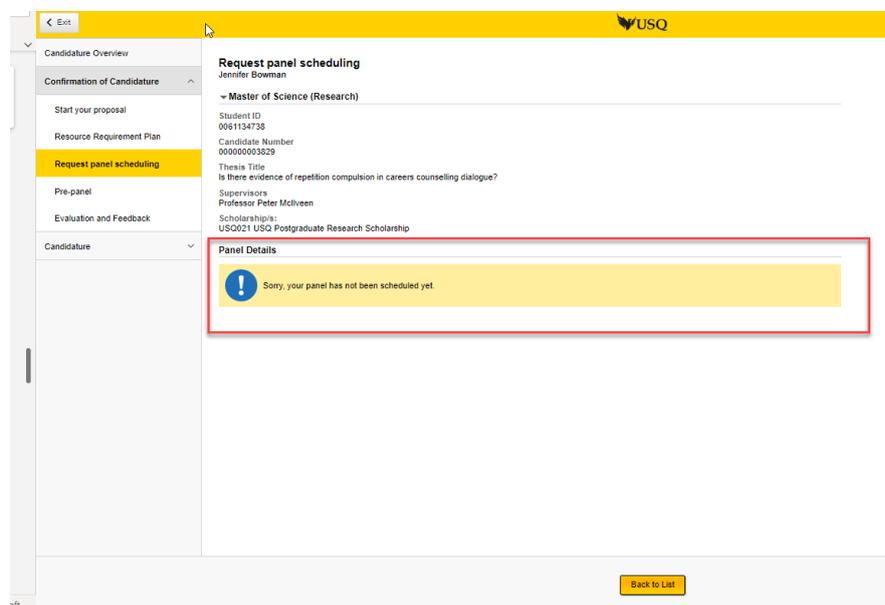
Panel Details

Sorry, your panel has not been scheduled yet.

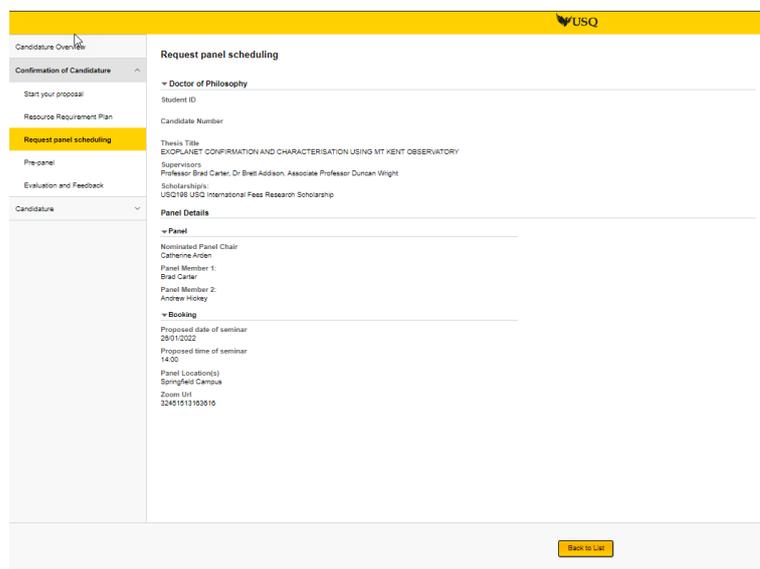
Request Panel scheduling

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You can check anytime to see if your panel has been scheduled. If it is still being finalised by your supervisor and GRS team, you will see the following message in your 'Request panel scheduling' menu item.



Once your Principal Supervisor has nominated your Panel Chair and panel members, and the GRS team has arranged the seminar details, you will be notified and be able to view your scheduled seminar under the 'Request Panel Scheduling' menu item.



11. **Confirmation Step 4 – Thesis proposal submission** This step allows candidates to check the Confirmation of Candidature Proposal Guidelines and provides a link to the Proposal Template. Candidates can download this template, complete, attach, agree to the declaration and submit their thesis proposal in this step. If you are attempting to submit your thesis proposal and your panel has not been scheduled, you will get the following message:

**Pre-panel**  
Abdelrazek Abdelrazek

▼ Doctor of Philosophy

Student ID  
0061135310

Candidate Number  
00000004159

Thesis Title  
Toward an integrated sustainable development strategy for Building in bush fire prone areas using the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

Supervisors  
Associate Professor David Thorpe, Ms Zahra Gharineiat

**!** Sorry, your panel has not been scheduled yet, so you may not be ready to submit your Thesis Proposal.

Students should ensure they adhere to the [Guidelines for Confirmation of Candidature Proposal \(PDF 161KB\)](#) when preparing their proposal. To facilitate this, a [Confirmation of Candidature Proposal Template \(DOTX 45KB\)](#) is available, but its use is not mandatory.

If your panel has been scheduled, you will see the page below and be able to submit your thesis proposal

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Candidature Overview

Confirmation of Candidature

- Start your proposal
- Resource Requirement Plan
- Request panel scheduling
- Thesis Proposal Submission**
- Evaluation and Feedback
- Candidature

**Thesis Proposal Submission**

▼ Doctor of Philosophy

Student ID

Candidate Number

Thesis Title

Supervisors

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**Thesis Proposal Submission**

I confirm that the thesis proposal I am attaching is the draft that I wish to submit to my Confirmation of Candidature Panel.

Yes

Add Attachment

No attachments for this request.

Submit

Candidates can attach their proposal by agreeing to the declaration and selecting the 'Add Attachment' button.

### 8.1 Click the 'Add Attachment' button

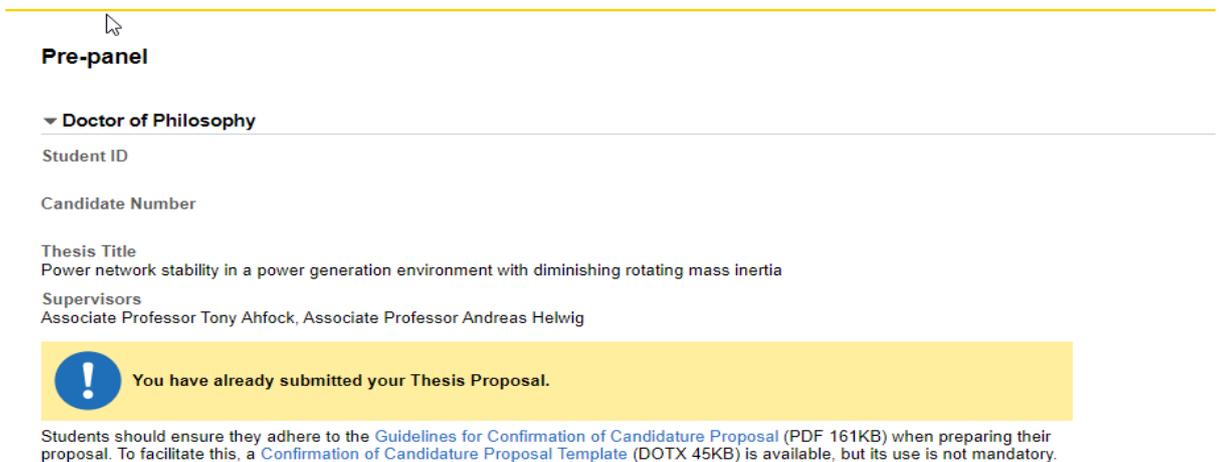


### 8.2 Clicking the 'My Device' icon and select the file you wish to upload



8.3 Click the 'Upload' button followed by the 'DONE' button that will appear in the top right hand corner of the screen. Repeat steps 8.1-8.3 to upload additional documents.

12. Click the 'Submit' button to complete the submission of the Thesis Proposal. If you revisit this step, you will be notified that 'You have already submitted your Thesis Proposal'



Once your thesis proposal is submitted, your Principal Supervisor endorses this proposal and it is sent to the GRS team.

GRS team downloads the proposal and progresses to Panel Chair and sends via email to all panel members.

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13. **Confirmation Step 5 – Evaluation and Feedback.** Panel chair collates detailed feedback from panel members and completes online evaluation and feedback questionnaire. Panel Chair also has the option to upload files. Panel Chair enters overall assessment and progresses to GRS team. All Evaluation and Feedback is available for candidates to view in the Evaluation and Feedback step in the confirmation menu group. The GRS team progresses dependent upon overall grade and will follow up with candidates via UniSQ email advising of outcome.

## Evaluation and Feedback

### ▼ Doctor of Philosophy

Student ID

Candidate Number

Thesis Title

Enhancing the Performance of Graph Signal Processing Algorithms for Artificial Intelligence Applications in Future Quantum Computers

Supervisors

Dr Shahab Abdulla, Professor Ravinesh Deo, Associate Professor Susan Hopkins

Scholarship/s:

USQ021 USQ Postgraduate Research Scholarship

### Evaluation and Feedback

Question	Answer
Focus of the study: research questions/hypotheses/goals/objectives/scope	Satisfied
Review of the relevant literatures	Satisfied
Research methodology, including analytical methods	Satisfied
Outcomes and significance	Dissatisfied
Milestones and timelines	Satisfied

References	Yes
Dissemination plan included	Yes
Resource Requirement Plan satisfactory	Yes
Is the supervisory team appropriate in terms of skills requirement?	Yes
Should the supervisory team be expanded to include additional expertise?	Yes
Overall Grade	Major Revisions
Overall Comments	Please see attached document for recommended revisions. These revisions need to be resubmitted by 29/02/2022.

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**END**