

**Milestone 2 (M2): Research Proposal**

**Master by Research and Doctoral Degrees**

**Please submit your approved M2 form online via the** [**M2: Research Proposal Submission Form**](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=PTLLm6N_50Wjb22c_bzCcqzyzSxK1CtDv-ZUEiCO0w9UNzVXTFdHR1FBTlVOSzJQUTFWWDhFV1NSNyQlQCN0PWcu)

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| **SECTION A: TO BE COMPLETED BY CANDIDATE** |
| Candidate Given Name(s):  | Enter text here. | Family Name: | Enter text here. |
| Student Number: | Enter text here. | School: | Choose an item.  |
| Course Level: | Choose an item. |
| Proposed Thesis Title: | Enter text here.  |
| Proposed Thesis Format: | [ ]  Standard [ ]  Thesis with Publication [ ]  Exegesis & Creative Works(s) [ ]  Other |
| **Required Documentation for Milestone 2:****(School MUST retain a copy of supporting documentation)** |
| Attach for Supervisor/ADR review only. ***Not required for submission however, School must retain a copy***. | Revised research proposal. |
| Evidence of independent review (reviewers’ reports) AND changes made in defence of the reviewers’ recommendations. |
| Originality Report of written proposal in [TURNITIN](https://intranet.ecu.edu.au/research/higher-degree-by-research/resources-and-development/writing-and-presenting-your-research/turnitin) (attach summary page only). |
| **Candidate Declaration** |
| I make the declarations and acknowledgements below:* I will not perform or undertake any research until I receive explicit written advice from Graduate Research Services after completion of milestone 3, including the provision of human ethics or animal ethics approval or Out of Scope Notification.
* I will retain copies of the requirements for milestone 2, which I may be required to produce on request of Associate Dean (Research).
* I am aware of my responsibilities as a researcher including those that relate to Academic Integrity, Research Integrity, Occupational Health and Safety, and Research Ethics.
* I will seek guidance and assistance from my supervisor, Graduate Research Services, or Student Administration if I have any queries regarding my responsibilities.
* I understand that falsification of records or details may be construed as academic or non-academic misconduct and is subject to the right of the University to terminate my enrolment or impose other sanctions in accordance with the [University Rules.](https://ecu.onk2.com/Runtime/Runtime/Form/ECU.Corporate.Documents/)
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| CANDIDATE SIGNATURE |  | DATE: | Click to select a date. |

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| **SECTION B: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRINCIPAL SUPERVISOR****(Supervisor to send the completed Form to the School Associate Dean (Research) or nominee for approval)** |
| DATE PROPOSAL SEMINAR HELD: |  Click to select a date. |
| REVIEWER 1 |  Enter text here.Title/Name |  Enter text here.Institution |
| REVIEWER 2 |  Enter text here.Title/Name |  Enter text here.Institution |
| **Research Classification** |
| Does the thesis involve research funded by Australian Department of Defence or captured within the [Defence and Strategic Goods List](https://www1.defence.gov.au/business-industry/export/controls/export-controls/defence-strategic-goods-list) | Choose an item. |
| **Supervisor Declaration** |
| I make the declarations and acknowledgements below:* The proposal has been amended addressing feedback from the reviewers, and an outline of changes made in defence of the reviewers’ recommendations has been made to my satisfaction.
* I have discussed research integrity, authorship, IP, data management and other aspects of the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research including health and safety with the student.
* There are sufficient resources, facilities, and budget to support the proposed project.
* I have sighted all documents submitted by the candidate for the required milestone and confirm the School has retained copies in accordance with ECU’s data storage and retention policy.
* I have reviewed the current composition of the supervision panel. If any changes are required, they have been or will be submitted via the [Nomination of Supervisor Form](https://intranet.ecu.edu.au/research/higher-degree-by-research/forms-policies-and-guidelines).
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|[ ]  I believe the student has demonstrated the capability to continue in the research degree, and support this application for milestone 2; or |
|[ ]  I do not believe the student has adequately demonstrated the capability to continue in the research degree and do not support this application for milestone 2. |
|  Enter text here. |  |  Click to select a date. |
| SUPERVISOR NAME | SIGNATURE | DATE |

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| **SECTION C: TO BE COMPLETED BY ASSOCIATE DEAN (RESEARCH)**  |
| I make the declarations and acknowledgments below:* The proposal has been amended addressing feedback from the reviewers, and an outline of changes made in defence of the reviewers’ recommendations has been made to my satisfaction.
* There are sufficient resources, facilities, and budget to support the proposed project.
* I have sighted all documents submitted by the candidate for the required milestone and confirm the School has retained copies in accordance with ECU’s data storage and retention policy.
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|[ ]  Application to continue in the research degree approved; or |
| [ ]   | Application to continue in the research degree not approved, and student will be recommended to Academic Progression Committee for exclusion from the course. |
|  Enter text here. |  | Click to select a date. |
| ASSOCIATE DEAN (RESEARCH) NAME | SIGNATURE | DATE |