

Dear

I am writing to ask if you would be able to act as a thesis examiner for a Master of Research (MRes) student I have been supervising this year.

Name Name's thesis is "Title" (abstract attached). The project involves xx, yy, zz, which I know to be of some interest to you.

The MRes program at Macquarie is a 2-year research training degree involving one year of coursework, followed by a research project seen as a pilot for future PhD study. The MRes thesis is short (50 pages), and is submitted in early October, after approx. 10 months experimental research.

MRes examiners are asked to review and provide a numerical score, used to assess the candidate's potential for continuing on to PhD study. I include below text from the University's examiner request, with further details.

Please let me know if you would be able to accept this reviewing task.

Sincerely,

The MRes is the culmination of a two-year equivalent full-time program in research training. The first-year is made up of advanced disciplinary coursework and includes some research training and research preparation. The thesis is undertaken in the second-year of the program, commenced in January and submitted in October.

- You will receive the thesis as a pdf, by email attachment. Please let us know when accepting this invitation if you would require a hard copy of the thesis.
- You would normally be expected to complete thesis examination within four weeks. Since a speedy determination of results is very important for candidates considering progressing to PhD, we ask you to think seriously about this schedule, before agreeing to examine.
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- In order to conform to national guidelines, if you agree to be an examiner, the university will need to have on file: your CV; a full list of your scholarly publications; information concerning your research thesis examination experience (estimated number). If this information is not available via your web-page, would you please be able to forward this?