

Department of Health Sciences  
PhD Mid-program Defence Report Form

*This report must be completed by the Mid-Program Committee for students seeking to move forward and continue in the PhD programme. This report must be submitted by the Mid-Program Defence Committee chair to the Graduate Administrator following the transfer exam.*

**Attach to this form:**

**1. A Summary of Progress (~2 pages) and Upcoming/Proposed PhD Research (~3-5 pages) report**

- The summary of progress section should include: short background on research question and hypothesis, and work accomplished to date, including substantive findings/data produced that could form the basis of at least one manuscript, with figures/tables as appropriate
- The proposed remaining PhD research section should include: background and rationale, hypothesis, specific objectives, methods/approach, anticipated results, reference list, and figures/tables as appropriate

Student Name:	Student Number:
Name of Supervisor:	Name of Co-Supervisor (if applicable):
Date of PhD Mid-Program Defence:	Location of PhD Mid-Program Defence:
Title of thesis:	

***Evaluation of Completed Research (i.e. PhD work to date)***

Ranking	Inadequate 1	Marginal 2	Good 3	Very Good 4	Excellent 5
Oral presentation of completed research					
Extent of <i>comprehensive</i> knowledge in specific area of his/her research					
Originality of project and scientific contribution to the field					
Student conducted vast majority of work (e.g. experiments, analyses) for this research project	No		Yes		
Major scientific output (e.g. manuscript, paper, formative report) developed and prepared by the student as the primary contributor	No	In Progress <small>(indicate level of completion)</small>			Yes
Overall assessment of the student's work and capabilities related to this research project	1	2	3	4	5

***Evaluation of Upcoming/Proposed PhD Research***

<b>Ranking</b>	<b>Inadequate 1</b>	<b>Marginal 2</b>	<b>Good 3</b>	<b>Very Good 4</b>	<b>Excellent 5</b>
Oral presentation of upcoming/proposed PhD research					
Written report of upcoming/proposed PhD research					
Extent of <i>comprehensive</i> knowledge in area of the upcoming/proposed PhD research					
Originality of upcoming/proposed PhD research project and likelihood of it significantly contributing to the field					
Feasibility of upcoming/proposed PhD research project					
Overall assessment of the student's ability to complete this PhD project					
Overall assessment of the upcoming/proposed PhD research					

***Does the current GAC have sufficient expertise to support the student through the rest of their PhD program?***

***List any additional GAC members, their affiliation and expertise, who will be invited to participate on the student's PhD GAC.***

- PhD Mid-Program Defence Committee recommends student continue in the PhD programme
- PhD Mid-Program Defence Committee recommends for transfer to MSc or withdrawal; proceeding with PhD is not approved

***Please write comments and provide signatures on next page***

*Comments from PhD Mid-Program Defence Committee*  
*Attach additional pages if necessary*

***Signatures***

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Name of Supervisor

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Signature (Supervisor)

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Name of Chair of mid-program defence

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Date

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Signature (Chair of mid-program defence)

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