SCHOOL OF MEDIA, CREATIVE ARTS & SOCIAL INQUIRY

Curtin University

Reviewer's Report on Milestone 1 (Candidacy) Proposal and Seminar
Higher Degree by Research Students

Student Details

Student ID: Student Name:

School: Media, Creative Arts & Social Inquiry

Name of Course:

Date of Presentation:

Assessment of Research Proposal

Key (Please choose from the drop-down menu against each criterion):

A = Excellent	B = Good	C = Passable	D = Unsatisfactory

Aims and objectives
Does the proposal have a clear, researchable central aim or question? Do the objectives logically address the central aim? Are the objectives clear, achievable and within the standards expected of the level of Higher Degree by Research?

Please comment:

Background including the literature review
Has the student provided appropriate background to the research problem? Does the proposal demonstrate a sound level of understanding of the field through a review of relevant literature?

Please comment:

Significance

Is the significance of the proposed research program clearly expressed? Is the proposed contribution to knowledge at an appropriate level for the Higher Degree by Research?

Please comment:

Methodology and Methods

Does the proposal demonstrate an understanding of the chosen methodology and methods? Are these appropriate to the research field and aims/question? Are the methods explained to a sufficient level of detail to show how they will address the objectives?

Please comment:

Ethical and Safety Issues

Has the student demonstrated adequate consideration of safety and ethical issues that might emerge from their project? Are they aware of university processes for managing risk and gaining ethics approval?

The thesis, including any associated creative outputs, will be published on eSpace at the conclusion of the project. Has the student considered any implications which may arise from the publication of their work such as the potential for it to cause hurt or offence?

Please comment:

Milestone Plan and Timeline and Budget

Has the Candidate identified clear milestones for measuring progress for the duration of the study including specific tasks which can be reported against at Milestone 2? Is the timeline for the proposed research appropriate and feasible?

Please comment:

Budget

Does the proposal provide a budget? Does the budget make sense? If costs exceed the support available from Curtin (see GRS Guidelines for Essential Facilities and Research Support), is the source of additional funding identified?

Please Comment:

Oral Presentation:

Did the student respond satisfactorily to questions and demonstrate clear control over their research project?

Please summarise the main points of discussion below, including any suggestions to help the student progress their project.

Summary:

PELA: *Does the student require additional support in developing English language academic communication skills? If Yes, the student will be referred to the Faculty English Language Development Coordinator and will be required to resubmit the revised proposal in order to pass M1.*	Yes No

Recommendation:

If you are recommending minor or major revisions, please provide specific detail of these below.

Revisions required:

Name of reviewer:

Signature:

Date:

*Please forward the completed report **in electronic (pdf) format** to MCASIHDRSupport@curtin.edu.au within one week from the oral presentation.*