

## Postgraduate Research Office

# Doctoral Examiners Recommendation

**Date Last Modified:** October 2017

*The Doctorate is the highest degree awarded by the University of Canterbury (UC). Most UC Doctorates are completed by thesis only, and the normal time-frame is 3-4 years full-time study (4-5 years part-time). The Doctoral examination comprises independent evaluation of the submitted thesis by 2 expert examiners, followed by an oral examination.*

**Examiners are asked to complete this form and provide a separate written report that details strengths and weaknesses of the thesis and specifies any required amendments.**

All theses are considered to be confidential during the examination process. Examiners should not distribute the thesis following the examination without prior permission from the candidate.

Candidate's Name:	<b>Fernando Cagua</b>	
Thesis Title:	<b><i>PLANT-POLLINATOR COMMUNITIES environmental gradients, trade-offs, and controllability</i></b>	
Examiner's Name:	<b>Ignasi Bartomeus</b>	
Date:	<b>29 April 2020</b>	

### Criteria for Award

Please indicate whether you believe the candidate has met the standard required for the award of a Doctorate.

1. The research reported is an original contribution to knowledge/understanding in its field  
Yes ☒ No ☐
2. The research reported meets internationally recognized standards for doctoral research in its field  
Yes ☒ No ☐
3. The thesis demonstrates knowledge of literature relevant to the field to which it belongs, and the ability to exercise critical and analytical judgment of that literature  
Yes ☒ No ☐
4. The research is satisfactory in its method, and in the quality and coherence of its argument  
Yes ☒ No ☐

5. The thesis demonstrates clarity of expression, and is appropriately presented and formatted

Yes



No



**Recommendation** (please tick one box)

**I recommend that**

- (a) the candidate be awarded the degree subject to satisfactory completion of specified amendments and/or satisfactory performance in the oral examination



*Requested amendments may be minor (e.g., typographical/grammatical corrections) or more substantive. Amendments should be limited to changes necessary to ensure that the thesis meets the required standard for the award. A list of required amendments will be determined at the end of the oral examination as well as designation of who will check that the amendments have been satisfactorily completed – this is usually the senior supervisor and/or oral examiner.*

- (b) the candidate be invited to revise and resubmit the thesis for re-examination prior to proceeding to an oral examination.



*Note that this option can be offered on only one occasion. It should be selected if the submitted thesis does not meet the standard required for the award but it is thought that a revised thesis could meet that standard. The original examiners will be asked to also examine the revised thesis prior to proceeding to an oral examination.*

- (c) the candidate not be awarded a Doctoral degree but be offered instead an appropriate Master's degree



*This option should be selected if the submitted thesis does not meet the standard required for the award but it is thought that it does meet the standard required for the award of a Master's degree.*

- (d) no degree be awarded to the candidate



*This option should be selected if the submitted thesis does not meet the standard required for the award of either a Doctorate or a Master's degree.*