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Restricted access to viva approved?

Yes / No

Time Specific viva required?

Yes / No

Date required by: ____ / ____ / ____

Thesis title on eVision matches title on GSO.3 ☐

Thesis submitted / due to be submitted on: ____ / ____ / ____

GSA Acknowledged: _____ (Initials)



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINERS

(D.Phil., M.Litt. M.Sc. By Research)

Candidates should read the notes entitled 'Notes of Guidance for Research Examinations' (GSO.20a) before completing this form and should return it to the relevant Graduate Studies Assistant (*please refer to www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/guidance/graduate/contacts for contact details*) prior to thesis submission. The thesis should be submitted separately to the Examinations School. DPhil students: Confirmation of Status must be complete prior to the exam process commencing.

SECTION 1 – to be completed by the candidate. Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS** in all sections except 'Title of thesis'.

Surname:	Rainforth	Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/etc):	Mr
First Name (in full):	Thomas	Student Number:	761710
College:	Wolfson	Department:	Engineering Science
Award for which you wish to submit your thesis: (i.e.: DPhil/MSc By Research/MLitt)	DPhil		
Address for correspondence (after submission of thesis):	45 Harbord Road, Oxford, OX28LH		
Telephone Number:	7746656915		
Email Address - email communications from the Examination Schools relating to the examination of your thesis will be directed to your primary email, as indicated on Student Self Service. Please log in at www.evision.ox.ac.uk/ to check or amend your contact details.			
Title of thesis: <i>This is the title that will appear on your thesis and transcript.</i> (Please print clearly including any desired capitalisation, punctuation, etc)			
Automating Inference, Learning, and Design using Probabilistic Programming			
Please indicate whether you are requesting a change of thesis title:			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes , please state your most recently approved thesis title: (Please note: if you are requesting a change of thesis title here, you do not need to also submit a separate GSO.6 (Change of title) form)			
Where submission of an integrated thesis is permitted by special regulations please indicate if you have received approval to submit an integrated thesis: https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs ,			
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Research Council-funded candidates: If you are requesting a change of topic, rather than an amendment to your existing title, please confirm that you have consulted with your funding body and received approval: (If Yes , please attach any relevant documentation) (If you are an AHRC-funded student requesting a change of topic that has not yet been approved, you should contact the AHRC Studentships Officer now: ahrccomp@admin.ox.ac.uk)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Name of funding body:	

SECTION 2 – statements to be completed by the candidate.

Please complete as appropriate in each case and supply details on a separate sheet if necessary (please note that copies of any separate sheets will be sent to your examiners, along with your thesis).

2.1 Statement of previous acceptance or concurrent submission of thesis for degree (please tick <u>one</u> box only)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No part of my thesis has been accepted or is currently being submitted for any degree, diploma or certificate or other qualification in this University or elsewhere.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I attach on a separate sheet details of which part of my thesis has been accepted or is concurrently being submitted for a qualification in this University or elsewhere and I confirm that these are full and accurate. (Please attach THREE copies)

2.2 Statement of authorship (please tick <u>one</u> box only)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I confirm that the thesis I am submitting is wholly my own work.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I attach on a separate sheet details of which parts of my thesis are not my own work. (Please attach THREE copies)

2.3 Sensitive content	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have identified content in the thesis that is of a sensitive nature or where copyright is held by a third party and will take appropriate action before depositing the thesis in the Bodleian Library and ORA

2.4 Statement of thesis length	
Candidates should check the regulations made by individual boards concerning word/page limits, and where applicable must state the approximate number of words in their thesis. Permission to exceed the word/page limit must be sought prior to the submission of the thesis and the GSO.3 and a copy of the approval letter attached to this form. A thesis which exceeds the stated limit, without approval, may be returned to the candidate.	

Number of words/pages:	250
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2.5 Transfer of Status	
Term transferred from PRS to D.Phil., M.Litt. or MSc by Research:	Michaelmas 2015

2.6 Confirmation of Status (for D.Phil. Candidates only)	
<i>Please note that you must have completed your Confirmation of Status before submitting your thesis.</i>	
Term D.Phil. status confirmed:	Trinity 2017

SECTION 3 – submission details to be completed by the candidate.

3.1 Submission of thesis and abstract - please read carefully the notes accompanying this form (GSO.20a)		
Please indicate when your thesis and abstract will be submitted. Please tick <u>one</u> box only:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	(a) Two copies of my thesis and of the abstract were submitted to the Examinations School on:	/ /
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(b) Two copies of my thesis and of the abstract will be delivered to the Examinations School before 5pm on:	07 / 10 / 17
Note: this date may not be later than the last day of the vacation immediately following the term in which this form is being submitted. For clarification consult the relevant Graduate Studies Assistant (www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/guidance/graduate/contacts/)		

3.2 Resubmission fee – no fee is payable on initial submission	
Are you resubmitting your thesis?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A fee is payable on resubmission of a thesis and payment should be made online (http://tinyurl.com/8wj2cvt) as soon as you receive notification that YOUR application for appointment of examiners HAS BEEN approved. Information on fees can be found at http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/exams/research . Please note that YOUR THESIS WILL NOT BE SENT TO YOUR EXAMINERS until the resubmission fee has been paid.	

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE:

Please check that you have completed all relevant sections of this form. After your viva, the Research Examinations Team will contact you where necessary to enquire whether you would like the examiners' copies of your thesis returned. If you do not respond within 6 months, the copies will be destroyed.

I understand that information provided on this form will be held on the University's administrative computer system for the purposes of student administration subject to the Provisions of the Data Protection Act (1998) and I agree that if successfully defended details of my thesis can be included in the publication of successful candidates for research degrees, which is circulated as appropriate to a number of libraries and other academic institutions in Europe, Canada and the USA.

I confirm that all the details given and declarations made are full and accurate.

Signature:		Date:	01/09/17
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Please also ensure that the following sections are completed by your supervisor and college before the form is returned to the relevant Graduate Studies Assistant - (please refer to www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/guidance/graduate/contacts/ for contact details).

SECTION 4 – to be completed by the supervisor in consultation with the candidate. (**BLOCK CAPITALS**)

The supervisor is required to consult with the candidate concerning possible examiners, and to forward to the relevant board the names of suggested examiners together with details of any special considerations which the candidate or supervisor wishes to make known about any potential examiners. Where supervisors have other points about the thesis or examination which they wish to put to the board for possible communication to examiners, they are asked to do so on a separate sheet.

Statement by the supervisor

1. I have consulted with the candidate as required above. I support any application for change of thesis title which the candidate has made in SECTION 1 of this form.

2. I certify that the candidate named above has pursued at Oxford the required course of research for the following number of terms in accordance with the provisions of the Examinations Regulations stated below

Minimum of 6 terms for D.Phil. (3 terms if candidate holds Oxford M.Litt., M.Sc., or M.Phil.). Minimum of 6 terms for M.Litt. Minimum of 3 terms for M.Sc.by Research.

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3. I have checked and confirmed that the nominated external examiner (and the reserve) does not fall into any of the categories or circumstances that may be deemed conflicts of interest



Two examiners are required, normally one internal examiner and one external examiner (and one reserve for each).

FIRST CHOICE EXAMINERS**Internal examiner:****Informally invited?**

Full name (including title and forename): Prof Stephen Roberts

College (where applicable) Somerville College

Statement of Suitability/Additional Information (Oriental Studies requirement/Optional)

Address:

Oxford-Man Institute of Quantitative Finance
Eagle House, Walton Well Road, Oxford. OX2 6ED

Telephone number: +44 (0)1865 616626

Email address: sjrob@robots.ox.ac.uk

External examiner:**Informally invited?**

Full name (including title and forename): Prof Mark Girolami

Current position held: Chair in Statistics, Imperial College London

Statement of Suitability/Additional Information (Oriental Studies requirement/Optional)

Address:


539 Huxley Building
South Kensington Campus, Imperial College London
Kensington, London SW7 2AZ

Telephone number: +44 (0)20 7589 5111

Email address: m.girolami@imperial.ac.uk

SECOND CHOICE EXAMINERS			
Internal examiner (reserve):		Informally invited?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full name (including title and forename):	Dr Sam Staton		
College (where applicable):	Jesus College		
Statement of Suitability/Additional Information (Oriental Studies requirement/Optional)			
<div>Address:</div> Room 421, Department of Computer Science Wolfson Building, Parks Road Oxford OX1 3QD			
Telephone number:	+44 (0)1865 (2)73893	Email address:	sam.staton@cs.ox.ac.uk
External examiner (reserve):		Informally invited?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full name (including title and forename):	Dr José Miguel Hernández-Lobato		
Current position held:	University Lecturer in Machine Learning, Department of Engineering, University of Cambridge		
Statement of Suitability/Additional Information (Oriental Studies requirement/Optional)			
<div>Address:</div> Department of Engineering University of Cambridge Trumpington Street Cambridge CB2 1PZ, UK			
Telephone number:	+44 12237 62363	Email address:	jmh233@cam.ac.uk

Supervisor:			
Full name (including title and forename):		Dr Frank Wood	
Address for correspondence:			
IEB 20.03, Dept. of Engineering Science University of Oxford Parks Road Oxford OX1 3PJ			
Email address:		fwood@robots.ox.ac.uk	
Signature:			Date: 01/09/2017

Joint supervisor (if applicable): <i>If you have further supervisors please attach details on a separate sheet.</i>			
Full name (including title and forename):		Dr Michael Osborne	
Address for correspondence:			
Oxford-Man Institute of Quantitative Finance Eagle House, Walton Well Road, Oxford. OX2 6ED			
Email address:	mosb@robots.ox.ac.uk		
Signature:		Date:	03/09/2017

SECTION 5 – to be completed by the college

Does the college support the application:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Comments on behalf of the college:			
Signature:		Date:	
Full name:		Position:	
College stamp:			
<p><i>* College officers are reminded that where it is felt appropriate for information relating to a candidate's medical condition to be made known to the examiners (where this would not prevent the candidate from attending the viva but might adversely affect his or her performance) this must be submitted by the college to the Proctors.</i></p>			

SECTION 6 – to be completed by the Director of Graduate Studies (or equivalent)

I certify that this application has the approval of the candidate's department		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Signature:		Date:	
Full name:			
Note: Unless otherwise indicated, approval of this application will be taken to include approval of any change to thesis title which has been made by the candidate in SECTION 1.			

SECTION 7 – Restriction of access at the viva (to be completed if appropriate)

Restriction of access at the viva			
<p>In the case of theses in Biological Sciences, Clinical Medicine, Mathematical Sciences, Physical Sciences, Physiological Sciences, and Psychological Studies, a candidate, supervisor or department may request that the attendance of any person or all persons at an viva (other than the candidate and the examiners) should be forbidden or subject to such conditions as the Proctors may impose.</p> <p>Applications should indicate the reason for the request, e.g. that the presence of someone other than the examiners would put at risk confidential material or invalidate an application for a patent on a product or process covered by the thesis, and provide sufficient information for an informed judgement to be made. Applications made at the request of the candidate should be supported by the supervisor.</p>			
I request that access to the viva should be restricted for the following reason(s): <i>Please supply supplementary material if necessary.</i>			
Signature:		Application made by:	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate <input type="checkbox"/> Supervisor <input type="checkbox"/> Head of Department

In the case of applications made by the candidate:	
I support the above application for the restriction of access to the viva for the following reason(s):	
Signature of supervisor:	

GSO.3 (optional – Time Specific Examination Request)

This form should only be completed and included in the GSO.3 where an examination result is required by a specific date, and for exceptional circumstances. The form should not be used to specify certain dates when an examination is preferred / not preferred – this should be negotiated directly in consultation with the examiners.

SECTION 8a – Application for Time Specific Examination

Applications can only be agreed for exceptional reasons, since the availability of examiners of national and international reputation is likely to be limited. Students and supervisors should not expect that applications for a time specific viva will be approved automatically.

Candidates may apply to the relevant board for the viva to be held not later than a certain date. Please note, the date cannot be earlier than <u>one calendar month after the date on which the thesis has been received at the Examination Schools or after the date on which the examiners have agreed to act, whichever is the later</u> . Also the date will depend on the availability of the examiners.	
Date by when you wish to have your viva:	
Reason for request: (please continue on separate sheet if necessary)	

SECTION 8b – to be completed by the supervisor

Supervisor's remarks: (please continue on separate sheet if necessary)			
Signature:		Date:	
Full Name:			

SECTION 8c – to be completed by the Director of Graduate Studies (or equivalent)

Approved:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Signature of DGS:		Date:	
Full Name:			

Regulations

GSO.3 (optional – Time Specific Examination Request)

Candidates may apply to the board of the faculty or department concerned for the oral examination to be held not later than a certain date, provided that this date shall not be earlier than one calendar month after the date on which the thesis has been received at the Examination Schools or after the date on which the examiners have agreed to act, whichever is the later. If the board is satisfied that there are special circumstances justifying this application, it will ask the examiners to make arrangements to enable the oral examination to be held within the period specified.

In such cases the examiners, when invited to act, will be informed that the candidate has asked that the oral examination should be held not later than a certain date, and acceptance of the invitation to examine will be on the understanding that they would seek to meet this request. If it is not practical to meet the student's request, then the board/department shall decide how to proceed.

Note: Students must ensure that they can be readily contacted by the Research Examinations Team so that, if examiners are unable to meet a request for a viva by a certain date, alternative arrangements can be discussed.

Where students wish to apply for a time-specific examination, the form and the application for the appointment of examiners (GSO.3) should be submitted BEFORE the thesis so that the necessary approvals can be given in good time.