**Second Year Report & Oral Examination Feedback Form**

The Second Year report is due by the end of month 23 of EngD studies. The viva should be completed, and this Feedback Form completed by the end of month 24 of EngD studies.

**The Second Year EngD Report:**

* Second Year EngD Reports should be approximately 50-60 pages, and should be in the form of a partial draft thesis with at least one substantive chapter complete.
* The student should give a detailed report of work completed, and show how the thesis hypothesis will be validated within the remaining time.
* The report is roughly comparable to a first year PhD report, but given that, at this time, an EngD student will have completed two years of research, we would expect a better formed idea of the work and substantive research to have already been undertaken.

**The Oral Examination (viva):**

* The student will make a short presentation of 10-15 minutes explaining their research.
* The purpose of the Oral examination is for the student to defend their research and to check that there is a viable plan of work leading to doctoral quality research.

**The assessor should send the completed form to:**

1. The student’s primary supervisor, who can then discuss the feedback with the student
2. The Centres manager, Charlotte Penny: [charlotte.penny@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:charlotte.penny@ucl.ac.uk)
3. The general VEIV admin address: [veiv-admin@cs.ucl.ac.uk](mailto:veiv-admin@cs.ucl.ac.uk)

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| **Name of Candidate** |  |
| **EngD Title** |  |

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| **Starting date** |  |
| **Date of Report** |  |
| **1st Supervisor** |  |
| **2nd Supervisor** |  |
| **Assessor** |  |
| **Viva date** |  |

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| **1. Thesis contribution** |
| *a. What contribution will the thesis make?* |
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| *b. Is the contribution significant enough to be awarded an EngD? If not, how could it be changed to make it so?* |
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| *c. Is the contribution timely (or is it in danger to be overtaken by other developments)?* |
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| **2. Research Progress** |
| *a. Have all research activities needed for the contribution been completed? If not, state which are missing.* |
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| *b. Are the results of the candidate's research sound? If not, please state why not.* |
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| *c. Has the candidate undertaken or planned validation of the thesis contribution? Is the validation, in your opinion, sound? If not, how should the contribution be validated?* |
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| *d. How long will it take the candidate to complete the activities remaining before submission?* |
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| **3. Thesis structure/Table of contents** |
| *a. Is the proposed thesis story convincing?* |
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| *b. Are there chapters missing from the proposed TOC, or ones that should be removed?* |
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| *c. Is the literature review up-to-date? Is it sufficiently critical?* |
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| **4. Written presentation** |
| *Please provide any comments you have on the written presentation of the report in terms of (i) Structure; (ii) Clarity, and (iii) Expression* |
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| **5. Viva feedback** |
| *Was the candidate able to explain the research problem and proposed contribution?* |
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| *b. Did the candidate understand questions put to them?* |
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| *c. Was the candidate able to explain and defend their research approach, and results?* |
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| *d. Is the candidate able to reflect critically on the thesis contribution and research approach?* |
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| **6. Progression** | | |
| **Can the student progress to the 3rd year of the Four Year Modular EngD?** | Yes\* | No\*\* |
| **Overall mark for the First Year EngD Report and Oral Examination** |  | /100 |

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| **7. Comments** |
| *\*If the student will progress to the next year, do you have any advice or comments for the candidate that might help with their future research?* |
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| *\*\*If the student will* ***NOT*** *progress to the next year, what course of action do you propose?*  *Is the supervision arrangement working? If not, what is needed?*  *Is the industrial supervisor satisfied by the progress? If not, what is needed?* |
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