

Thesis Examination Student Declaration Templates

Graduate Research School

Overview

VU offers several research degrees for which a thesis is the major component of assessment. Research does not only take on the standard form of a thesis, but may be submitted in alternative creative forms such as a dance performance, exhibition or a novel, or as approved publications with linking and framing material with an analytical written component. If a candidate has had ethics approval over the course of their candidature, the candidate must include a declaration in the thesis, underneath the student declaration.

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Master Research Degrees: Student Declaration

Master of Applied Research

"I, [student name], declare that the Master of Applied Research thesis entitled [title of thesis] is no more than 50,000 words in length including quotes and exclusive of tables, figures, appendices, bibliography, references and footnotes. This thesis contains no material that has been submitted previously, in whole or in part, for the award of any other academic degree or diploma. Except where otherwise indicated, this thesis is my own work".

"I have conducted my research in alignment with the [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research](#) and [Victoria University's Higher Degree by Research Policy and Procedures](#).

Signature

Date

Master of Research

"I, [student name], declare that the Master of Research thesis entitled [title of thesis] is no more than 50,000 words in length including quotes and exclusive of tables, figures, appendices, bibliography, references and footnotes. This thesis contains no material that has been submitted previously, in whole or in part, for the award of any other academic degree or diploma. Except where otherwise indicated, this thesis is my own work".

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Signature

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Doctoral Degrees: Student Declaration

Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated) - Year 1 Thesis Student Declaration

"I, [student name], declare that the Year 1 Thesis, PhD (Integrated) entitled [title of thesis] is 12,000-15,000 words in length including quotes and exclusive of tables, figures, appendices, bibliography, references and footnotes. This thesis contains no material that has been submitted previously, in whole or in part, for the award of any other academic degree or diploma. Except where otherwise indicated, this thesis is my own work".

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Signature

Date

Doctor of Philosophy Declaration

"I, [student name], declare that the PhD thesis entitled [title of thesis] is no more than 80,000 words in length including quotes and exclusive of tables, figures, appendices, bibliography, references and footnotes. This thesis contains no material that has been submitted previously, in whole or in part, for the award of any other academic degree or diploma. Except where otherwise indicated, this thesis is my own work".

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Signature

Date

Doctor of Philosophy Declaration (by live performance / exhibition)

"I, [student name], declare that the PhD thesis entitled [title of thesis] is no less than 18,000 words and no more than 30,000 words in length including quotes and exclusive of tables, figures, appendices, bibliography, references and footnotes. This thesis contains no material that has been submitted previously, in whole or in part, for the award of any other academic degree or diploma. Except where otherwise indicated, this thesis is my own work".

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Signature

Date

Doctor of Business Administration Declaration

“I, [student name], declare that the DBA thesis entitled [title of thesis] is no more than 65,000 words including quotes and exclusive of tables, figures, appendices, bibliography, references and footnotes. This thesis contains no material that has been submitted previously, in whole or in part, for the award of any other academic degree or diploma. Except where otherwise indicated, this thesis is my own work”.

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All Research Candidates

Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Candidates must acknowledge the use of AI in their thesis and if the thesis has been edited using an AI tool.

Any use of AI in the thesis must be ethical, responsible and in keeping with the principles of academic and research integrity including honesty, transparency, fairness and accountability.

“This thesis has been edited for clarity of expression, punctuation and grammar using **** tool. This use complies with VU guidelines on use of editors in HDR theses and overall VU policy on use of AI in research.”

Signature

Date

Declaration for Submitting Thesis Against Advice of Supervisors

If a candidate proceeds to submit their thesis against the advice of the supervisors and the Chair of Examiners, the candidate will be asked to sign a declaration that releases the University from any responsibility should the nominated examiners adversely appraise the thesis. (in line with [HDR 9-SUBMISSION, EXAMINATION and CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURE](#))

The following declaration must be included in the thesis, underneath the Student Declaration:

“I hereby release the University from any responsibility should the nominated examiners adversely appraise the thesis”.

Signature:

Date:

Submitting Thesis with Publication

A tabulated summary of the publications and/or manuscripts in each chapter should be included before the Table of Contents.

Chapter No.	Publication Title	Publication Status (eg. published, accepted for publication, to be revised and resubmitted, currently under review, unsubmitted but proposed to be submitted)	Publication Details (eg. date published, verification of Scopus quartile ranking of the publication, indicator of quality etc.)

Useful links:

- [Research Training Program](#)
- [Research Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Guidelines](#)
- [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research 2018](#)
- [Australian Council for Graduate Research- Generative Artificial Intelligence Use in Graduate Research Training](#)
- [TEQSA- Using Generative AI in Research 10 Tips](#)