

6.25 *Conversion of a masters dissertation into a doctoral thesis:*

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When both examiners and/or the Head of School/coordinating examiner indicate in their reports that they regard the study as being of such quality, originality and scope that the candidate should be given the opportunity rather to convert it into to a doctoral dissertation and resubmit it later as a PhD, their reports should provide a clear motivation for such a recommendation.

The coordinating examiner should then, in consultation with the supervisor, recommend that the candidate be given the option, with the permission of the School Higher Degrees Committee and College Board, not to have the masters degree conferred but to undertake further research for a PhD which shall be an extension of the research already completed, providing that the masters degree shall be conferred on the candidate in the event of the following:

- (i) withdrawing the candidate for the PhD, or
- ii) having the candidature for the PhD cancelled, or
- iii) failing to satisfy the requirements for the PhD.

The candidate must respond in writing, agreeing to or declining the recommendation and the above conditions.

Upon acceptance by the School Higher Degrees Committee and College Board, the candidate then will be required to reconceive the masters study in terms of a doctoral thesis and submit a PhD research proposal to the Faculty Higher Degrees Committee within three months of the recommendation. (The PhD proposal must indicate how the candidate intends to extend the masters work into a doctoral study.)