

## **CONDUCT OF CANDIDATURE SEMINARS**

### **(1) Proposal Defence**

#### **(a) Presentation Period**

- (i) Master and doctoral candidates by research are required to present the Proposal Defence not later than the second semester.
- (ii) Master and doctoral candidates by mixed mode are required to present the Proposal Defence not later than the third semester.
- (iii) Doctoral candidates by coursework and clinical coursework are required to present Proposal Defence in the first semester, which candidates register for the research component.

#### **(b) Submission of the Research Proposal Report**

Candidates are required to submit four (4) copies of complete research proposal report with 3000-7000 words to the Postgraduate Office not later than two (2) weeks before the date of the presentation, which includes the following:

- (i) Introduction, statement of problem and scope of research;
- (ii) Research objectives;
- (iii) Summary of literature review;
- (iv) Description of conceptual framework or summary of experimental methods or summary of research design and required equipment.
- (v) The importance and relevance of the study;
- (vi) Preliminary findings / Pilot test (initial findings, if any)
- (vii) Proposed work schedule based on the designated date of submission of thesis / dissertation; and
- (viii) Brief bibliography.

**(2) Confirmation Defence (for Fast Track Entry [Accelerated Admission] Candidates)**

**(a) Presentation Period**

Doctoral by Research candidates through Fast Track Entry (Accelerated Admission) are required to present Confirmation Defence not later than the third semester.

**(b) Submission of Confirmed Proposed Research Report**

Candidates are required to submit four (4) copies of complete research proposal report with 4,000-7000 words to the Postgraduate Office not later than two (2) weeks before the date of the presentation, which includes the following:

- (i) Introduction, statement of problem and scope of research;
- (ii) Research objectives;
- (iii) Complete literature review;
- (iv) Solid research methods;
- (v) The importance and relevance of the study;
- (vi) Preliminary findings / Pilot test (initial findings, if any);
- (vii) Proposed work schedule based on the designated date of submission of thesis / dissertation; and
- (viii) Brief bibliography

**(3) Candidature Defence**

**(a) Presentation period**

- (i) Master candidates by research are required to present Candidature Defence not later than the third semester.
- (ii) Doctoral candidates by research are required to present Candidature Defence not later than the fifth semester.
- (iii) Doctoral candidates by coursework, clinical coursework and mixed mode are required to present Candidature Defence set by the Faculty not later than the sixth semester.

- (iv) Master candidates by mixed mode are required to present Candidature Defence set by the Faculty not later than the fourth semester.

**(b) Submission of Progress Report**

Candidates are required to submit four (4) copies of complete research progress report with 5000-10000 words to the Postgraduate Office not later than two (2) weeks before the date of presentation, which includes the following:

- (i) Abstract (500 words in Bahasa Malaysia and English);
- (ii) Objectives and statement of problem;
- (iii) The importance and relevance of the study;
- (iv) Brief and concise literature review;
- (v) Solid research methods;
- (vi) Research results obtained so far;
- (vii) Brief bibliography;
- (viii) Research plan that leads to the submission of the dissertation / thesis on the designated date; and
- (ix) List of publications or conference papers presented during the period of candidature, if any.

**(4) Thesis Seminar**

**(a) Presentation period**

Doctoral candidates by research are required to present Thesis Seminar or equivalent before submission of thesis for examination.

**(b) Submission of summary of thesis**

Candidates are required to submit presentation notes with abstract to the Postgraduate Office not later than three (3) working days before the presentation date.