



DEFERRING THE PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF A THESIS

Candidates undertaking postgraduate research award courses at the University of Sydney are required to lodge a copy of the thesis¹ in the University library, however the University recognises that there are certain circumstances where deferment of the public availability of the thesis is appropriate.

If a **candidate** believes their interests are at risk by making the thesis available, the he or she may apply for deferment of availability of the thesis for a specified period of time.

If it is determined that it is necessary to protect the interests of the candidate by not making the thesis immediately available, the Dean of the Faculty may authorise a delay in the lodgement for a period **not exceeding 6 months** from the date of the award of the degree.

The Dean may also recommend to the Research and Research Training Committee of the Academic Board (for approval by the Chair of the Research and Research Training Committee) that a longer period of deferment be approved. Such periods shall **not exceed 12 months** (in addition to the time approved by the Dean), except in exceptional circumstances.

Where a candidate is associated with a project in collaboration with industry, an application for deferment of public availability of the thesis must be resolved **at the commencement of candidature**.

Applications for deferment of public availability of a thesis should be completed by the candidate and the supervisor and submitted to the appropriate faculty office. To complete the application:

- 1. clearly state the length of deferment requested and reason for the deferment; and**
- 2. attach any supporting documentation**

Applications are considered in accordance with Part 10, Division 5, section 92 of the *University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999* as amended.

Candidate: _____ SID: _____

Thesis title: _____

Faculty: _____ Department/School: _____

Expected date of submission: _____

Supervisor: _____

Tick one box

Is the candidate associated with a project in collaboration with industry? Yes No

¹ References to 'theses' or 'thesis' also include reference to treatises, dissertations and other similar productions where there is a requirement that a copy of the production be lodged by the Registrar with the University Librarian.

SECTION 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CANDIDATE AND FORWARDED TO THE SUPERVISOR

I wish to defer the public availability of my thesis for _____ for the following reasons:
(insert length of time thesis to be deferred)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SUPERVISOR AND FORWARDED TO THE FACULTY OFFICE

I **support / do not support** the deferment of public availability of this candidate's thesis for _____ for the following reasons:
(insert length of time thesis to be deferred)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION 3: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DEAN

I **approve / do not approve** the deferment of public availability of this candidate's thesis for _____ for the following reasons: **Note: Maximum period of time is 6 months.**
(insert length of time thesis to be deferred)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION 4: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DEAN, WHERE THE DEAN WISHES TO RECOMMEND A LONGER PERIOD OF DEFERMENT

I **recommend** that the Chair of the Research and Research Training Committee approve deferment of public availability of this candidate's thesis for an additional _____ for the following reasons:
(insert length of time thesis to be deferred)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION 5: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CHAIR OF THE RESEARCH & RESEARCH TRAINING COMMITTEE

I **approve / do not approve** the deferment of public availability of this candidate's thesis for an additional _____ for the following reasons:
(insert length of time thesis to be deferred)

Signature: _____ Date: _____