



Complete this form in **BLACK INK** or by **TYPING** in the fields using a PDF editor.

STEP 1. Principal supervisor and candidate meet to discuss current progress and the Early Candidature Plan.

STEP 2. Candidate to complete Sections 1 – 9, plus attach a timeline and the Candidate-Supervisor Compact..

STEP 3. Principal supervisor to review completed document and sign Section 9.

STEP 4. Candidate to submit the completed form and timeline appendix to grs.hdr@westernsydney.edu.au.

NOTE: The Early Candidature Plan must be completed within 2 months of the research commencement date for both full-time and part-time candidates.

1. CANDIDATE DETAILS

Student ID number

Title

Family name

Given name(s)

School / Institute / Centre

Principal supervisor

Co-supervisors

Enrolment status: Full-time Part-time

2. PROJECT DETAILS

Provide a short description of your project:

What was your candidature commencement date?

Will you require ethics approval for your project?

Yes

No

Unsure

3. SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

List the key areas where you need to develop skills and/or undertake training (e.g. *undertake training in SPSS statistics application, practice presentation skills, review specific methodology, etc.*)

RESEARCH SKILLS	COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

ACADEMIC SKILLS	COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS	COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

6. CANDIDATE-SUPERVISOR COMPACT

The Candidate-Supervisor Compact establishes expectations and responsibilities for the candidature. It must be completed in consultation with your principal supervisor prior to the submission of the Early Candidature Plan.

I have met with my principal supervisor to discuss the Candidate-Supervisor Compact.

I have attached a copy of the completed Candidate-Supervisor Compact.

7. RESEARCHER PROFILE

Have you met with your School or Institute librarian? Yes No

All researchers at Western Sydney University should establish an ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor) number and a Google Scholar profile. This will help to ensure that your publications are visible and correctly attributed to you.

ORCID:

Google Scholar profile:

If you have not already established these profiles, please contact your School or Institute librarian for more information: <https://library.westernsydney.edu.au/main/help/contact-us/school-librarians>

8. TIMELINE TO CONFIRMATION OF CANDIDATURE

You must attach a timeline that details your plan for working towards your Confirmation of Candidature. Ideally, your Confirmation of Candidature should be completed within 6 – 9 months of your commencement date (and within a maximum of 12 months for both part-time and full-time candidates). You may choose to use a Gantt chart or similar breakdown of tasks to be completed and expected completion dates.

I have attached a timeline detailing my plan to the Confirmation of Candidature.

What is the expected date of your Confirmation of Candidature
(an approximate date/month is acceptable at this stage).

DD / MM / YYYY

9. CANDIDATE / SUPERVISOR SIGNATURES

We agree to have met to discuss the contents of this form and understand that the Graduate Research School will distribute a confirmation to the candidate, principal supervisor, HDR Director and add a copy to the candidate's record for future reference.

Student

Signature

Date

Principal supervisor

Signature

Date

Higher Degree Research Director

Signature

Date