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**PERMISSION TO SUBMIT PHD THESIS IN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT**

**PhD Alternative Format**

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**Eligibility**

Full-time and part-time PhD students wishing to submit their thesis in Alternative Format must complete this form by the end of their second year of registration (FT) or fourth year (PT). NB: this option is not available to MPhil students.

**Process**

Interested students should make enquires to their supervisors early in their research if they feel that their output may be suitable for the Alternative Format. If they wish to apply formally, students should complete this form and submit it to their Institute. The Institute Research Monitoring Committee will decide whether an Alternative Format submission is appropriate and report this to the next Graduate School Monitoring meeting; if approved, the form should be sent to the Academic Quality and Records Office which will enter this on the student record. If the application has not been accepted, the Institute will explain the decision to the student.

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