

Introduction

The external role in ensuring the integrity and scholarly rigor of our doctoral examinations. To align with SGS guidelines, we ask that supervisors submit 2 to 3 potential external referees for consideration, rather than a single name. This approach ensures that a pool of potential external whomeets the necessary eligibility criteria.

Criteria for Appointment of an External Appraiser

When nominating external appraiser, please ensure they meet the following requirements:

- x External to UofT–The external must be from outside the University, including its affiliated teaching hospitals and research institutes.
- x Recognized Expert–The external must be a well-regarded scholar in the thesis subject area and hold the rank of Associate or Full Professor at their home institution. If from outside academia, they



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- Both Supervisor and Candidate must have an “arm’s length” relationship with the external appraiser. Normally, this will exclude anyone who has been a departmental colleague of the Candidate or Supervisor, a resident in a student teacher relationship with either of them, or has collaborated on an educational research project or published with either of them in the past six years.
- The external appraiser should not be a supervisor, a teacher, or a member of the Candidate’s or Supervisor’s immediate family, as well as a related teaching hospital or a related university.
- The external appraiser must hold the rank of associate professor or professor at their institution.

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