L-Università ta' Malta
Faculty of Health Sciences

Transfer of Registration from M.Phil. Degree to Ph.D. Degree

**A Guide for Students when submitting their work for the consideration
of the Transfer Assessment Board appointed by Senate**

The aim of the transfer evaluation is to ascertain that the quality and scope of the research work presented by the student has the potential to reach the standard appropriate to that expected of a doctoral degree. The student is expected to submit a substantial body of work based on the research undertaken, together with relevant documentation as appendices. The length should not exceed 20,000 words.

Students who commenced their studies on the 1 February 2023 or later, are also required to present evidence that they have pursued professional development activities as required in paragraph (3) of regulation 6 of the University Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Regulations, 2023.

Report Layout

Introduction	This should lead the members of the Transfer Assessment Board from what they might already be expected to know about the general research area of the project to an appreciation of your particular research topic and how it goes beyond the state-of-the-art.
Objectives	List the objectives in your original proposal and updated set of objectives, explain the changes (if any) and link with the gaps in the literature.
State of the Project	Discuss which objectives have been achieved so far and how these have been achieved (explain the method of data collection and analysis). Discuss the rationale for any divergences from the original proposal. Refer to the original proposal (which will be available to the Transfer Assessment Board) and describe the change/s. List and include copies of any publications or conference abstracts associated with these achieved objectives as an appendix to your report.
Targeted future work	Explain how you propose to achieve the rest of the objectives of the Ph.D.
Forecasted expected contribution to knowledge	Discuss what your expected novel contribution to knowledge will be at the end of the project.

Publications and
conference presentations   List any completed or forecasted publications and conference presentations.

Referencing style   The report should be submitted in the referencing style that is recommended by the respective department.

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