

EXTERNAL EXAMINER ARM'S LENGTH ATTESTATION

EXTERNAL EXAMINER INFORMATION

Full Name:

Current Institution and Department:

Academic Title/Position:

CANDIDATE AND THESIS INFORMATION

Candidate Name:

Thesis Title:

Graduate Program:

Defense Date:

ARM'S LENGTH ATTESTATION

I hereby attest that I meet the arm's length requirements of the School of Graduate Studies at the University of Toronto by confirming the following statements:

☐ I have not served as the Candidate's Master's or PhD Supervisor, nor as the Supervisor of the Candidate's Supervisor(s)

☐ I have not been a Supervisee of the Candidate's Supervisor(s)

☐ I have not had a close research collaboration with the Candidate or their Supervisor(s) within the past seven years, including co-authorship on publications, joint grant applications, or shared research projects.

If there is a research collaboration, please provide a short statement on the nature and extent of the collaboration.

☐ I am not currently employed by, and have not been employed by or held an appointment at, the University of Toronto or its affiliated teaching hospitals and their research institutes within the past seven years.

☐ I do not have a relationship with the Candidate or their Supervisor(s) that could reasonably be perceived as compromising my objectivity (e.g., family member, business partner, or other close personal relationship).

☐ I have no financial interest or other material benefit that depends on the outcome of this examination.

☐ I am not aware of any other conflict of interest or circumstance that could compromise my ability to provide an independent and objective evaluation of the Candidate's thesis.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (if applicable)

If you cannot confirm any of the statements above, or if clarification is needed, please provide details below.

EXAMINER DECLARATION

I declare that the information provided in this attestation is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this attestation is required for quality assurance purposes and that any material misrepresentation may result in the invalidation of the examination process.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____