Annual Progress Report <u>User Guide</u>



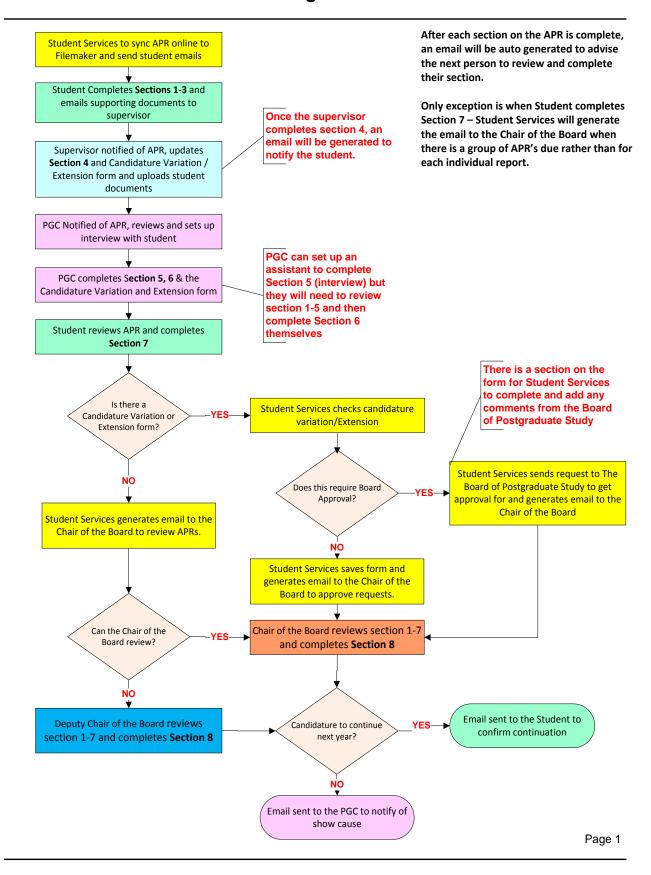
Annual Progress Report

All current research higher degree candidates in the Sydney Medical School, Sydney Nursing School, the Faculty of Dentistry, and the Faculty of Pharmacy <u>MUST</u> complete an APR.

It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that this report has been completed by all parties. A candidate who fails to complete and submit the report will be asked to show cause as to why the candidature should not be terminated by reason of unsatisfactory progress.

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Annual Progress Review



Section 1 - Competed by the Candidate

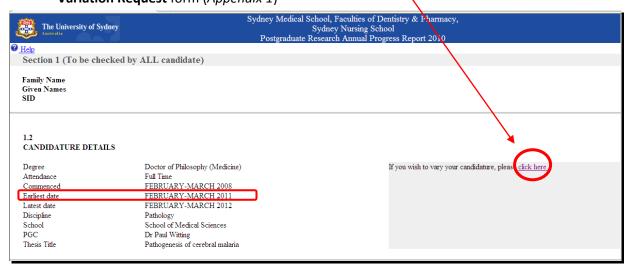
This section is to confirm the University has the correct contact and Candidature details and gives you the chance to update or change any details.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

- All contact details to be checked by candidates
- Where any details are in correct or incomplete, please follow the link to 'My Uni' to update.



- ➤ All Candidature details to be checked by candidates
- Confirm the name of your PGC is correct
- ➤ Where any details are incorrect or you would like to make any changes to your candidature, please click on the "Click here" on the right hand side of the screen and complete the **Candidature Variation Request** form (*Appendix 1*)



Appendix 1: Candidture Variation Form -

The Board of Postgraduate Studies in Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing & Pharmacy must approve all variations to candidature. Candidates who wish to vary their enrolment may do so by completing this form. Requests must be received by Student Services before 31 March (for changes to Semester 1) and 31 August (for changes to Semester 2). If a request is received after these deadlines the request, if approved, will take effect in the following semester.

Part-time study

An applicant wishing to convert to part-time candidature should submit with this form, a detailed proposal including how the research will be carried out, its relationship to her/his employment and arrangements for attendance at a University affiliated site. The University is not willing to act solely as an examining body. Any research must be under the direction and supervision of the University

There are certain restrictions that may apply to students on scholarships. Scholarship holders who wish to convert to part-time candidature should check with the Research Office first to make sure the conditions of the scholarship will allow for part-time study.

International students are normally required to undertake full-time candidature under the terms of their entry visa.

Suspension

Candidature is recorded in whole semesters. You may request a period of suspension, e.g. if you have been ill, or need to undertake full-time employment. Suspensions may be requested for one semester or, in exceptional circumstances, for two semesters. Shorter absences will be noted on your student file.

Requests for suspension must be made in advance and not retrospectively.

Scholarship holders must notify the Research Office of any periods of absence.

Time away

There is provision to spend time in another university or institution during your candidature and also to complete your candidature away from the University of Sydney. If you wish to apply for time away or to complete your thesis away, the approval of your supervisor must be sought and the University will want to know what arrangements have been made for your continued supervision.

A PhD candidate pursuing candidature outside Australia must also complete a minimum of two semesters of candidature within the University before submission of the thesis. This need not be immediately prior to submission or a continuous two-semester period. Similarly, Masters students must complete a minimum of one semester within the University.

Withdrawal and failure to re-enrol

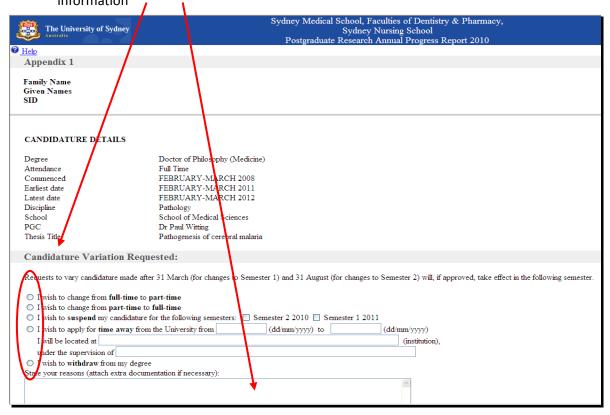
If your circumstances are such that you are unable to anticipate when you will be able to resume your candidature you should seek to withdraw from your candidature. Should you be able to resume at a later date you would have to re-apply for admission. Some credit might then be given for work that you had done up to your withdrawal, but you would be commencing a new candidature.

If in any year you fail to re-enrol, your candidature will be regarded as having lapsed, and you will be required to re-apply for admission to candidature if you wish to continue your studies.

For more information candidates can obtain a copy of the Postgraduate Studies Handbook at http://www.usyd.edu.au/fstudent/postgrad/study/pub/handbooks.shtml or by contacting the Student Services by e-mail medicine.pgapr@sydney.edu.au

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

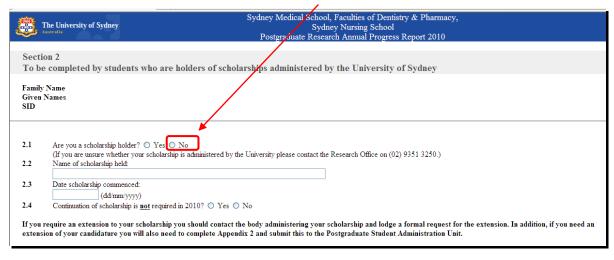
Select the changes you wish to make to your candidature and enter any other relevant information



Section 2 - Competed by Scholarship Candidates ONLY

ONLY those students who hold a current Scholarship administered by the University of Sydney need complete this section.

> All other students select 'NO' to move onto the next section



Section 3 - Completed by the Candidate

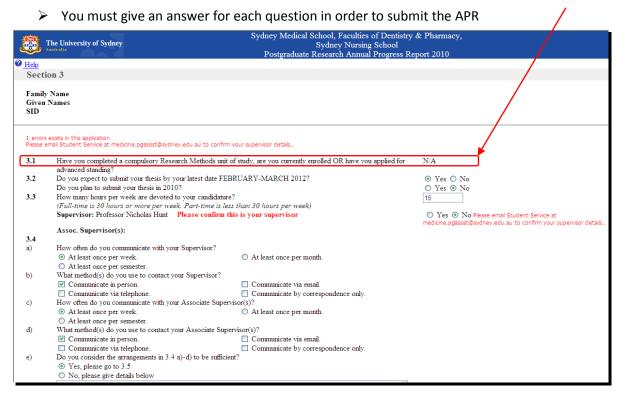
This section is for candidates to describe how their research is going, what they have been doing, what level of support they have received, and to put on record any difficulties or problems they may have faced so far.

ONLY candidates who are completing a Master of Philosophy need to complete Section 3.1

ALL research higher degree candidates MUST complete Section 3.2 – 3.8

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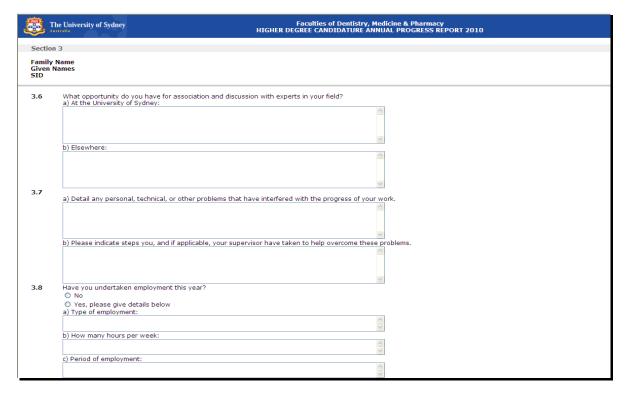
Master of Philosophy candidates who answer 'NO' to question 3.1, MUST arrange to complete a unit of study or apply for advanced standing as soon as possible as you will not be eligible to graduate without meeting this requirement –



- If you do not expect to submit your thesis by your latest date (if due to finish this year or next year) and therefore answer "NO' to question 3.2, you will be required to complete an 'Extension of Candidature' form which the system will automatically direct you to.
- If the Supervisor Details are incorrect, you will NOT be allowed to continue with the form and you will need to notify the Student Services to update them of your new supervisor.



➤ Where any question does not relate to you, please enter N/A.



- ➤ Upon completion of question 3.8, the next page will give you an overall summary of all details entered. Please ensure you check all details before saving and submitting your form.
- Once all sections have been completed and the form is submitted;
 - a) Any sections you have missed will be highlighted for you to complete
 - b) Your supervisor will be notified and (s)he will review and complete the next section
 - c) Email your supervisor any other supporting documentation to support your APR (*Max 3 doc*)

Once the Application is submitted – The system will generate a message to confirm it has been submitted.



PLEASE NOTE: Once your supervisor has completed Section 4, you will receive an email to advise you the APR has been updated and you will be able to review any comments before your interview. You will be notified by your Postgraduate Coordinator of your interview date. Upon completion of your interview and the completion of the relevant sections by the Postgraduate Coordinator, you will be notified by email to re-review your form and complete Section 7 which will then be submitted to the Chair of the Board.

Appendix 2 - Extension of Candidature

General information

Should it appear during your last year of candidature that you will not be able to complete the requirements by the latest date for submission, you should apply for an extension of your candidature. Extensions are granted one semester at a time. Your application should explain why you do not expect to be able to meet the deadline and should refer to any difficulties that might have been experienced during the candidature. Evidence of difficulties is expected to be noted in annual progress reports. Your application should also contain a realistic estimate of the time you require to finish.

You cannot assume that an extension will be granted. An aspect of the research training being undertaken is to complete a project within a deadline. Requests for extension must be made in advance.

First request for extension of candidature

You will be required to submit a proposed timeline for completion of your research program in support of your application for extension. This timeline should be very detailed. It will identify the precise activities / tasks remaining to complete the requirements of your research program and the dates at which you expect to accomplish these. This includes the likely date of submission of your thesis. This request must be approved by your supervisor and postgraduate coordinator.

Second request for extension of candidature

Your second request for extension will consider the study plan which you submitted with your prior request and address the difficulties you encountered in meeting the timeframes specified in that proposal. You will submit a new timeline for completion in which you indicate how you intend on overcoming these issues if granted another extension. Again, this timeline should identify the precise activities / tasks remaining to complete the requirements of your research program and the dates at which you expect to accomplish these and submit your thesis. This request must be approved by your supervisor and postgraduate coordinator.

Third / further requests for extension of candidature

Your third or further request for extension will refer to the study plan which you submitted with your prior request and address the difficulties you encountered in meeting the timeframes specified in that proposal. You will submit a new timeline for completion in which you indicate how you intend on overcoming these issues if granted another extension. Again, this timeline should identify the precise activities / tasks remaining to complete the requirements of your research program and the dates at which you expect to accomplish these and submit your thesis.

The recommendations (approval / non-approval) of your supervisor and postgraduate coordinator will be submitted to the Board of Postgraduate Studies Research Subcommittee for consideration and you will be advised of the final outcome accordingly.

Making inquiries and submitting your request for extension

- You may direct any inquiries you have about your request to Student Services via email medicine.pgapr@sydney.edu.au.
- You will be advised by email (using your official University email address) of the result of this request as soon as possible, and if it is successful details of the enrolment procedure will follow.

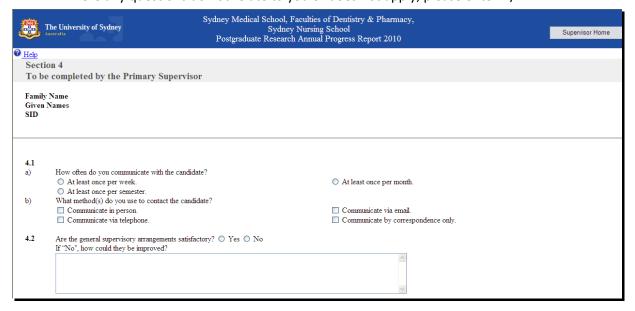
Section 4 - Completed by the Supervisor

Please review Sections 1-3 which has been completed by the candidate before completing section 4

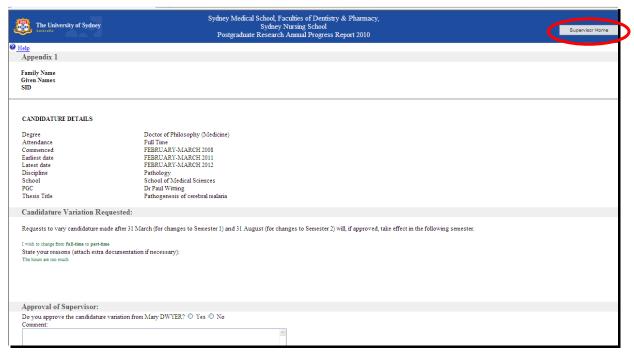
This section is for the supervisor to confirm how the candidate is going, what level of support they have given, confirm if they recommend continuation for the following year and to put on record any difficulties or problems the candidate may have faced.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUPERVISOR

- You must give an answer for each question in order to submit the APR
- Where any questions do not relate to you or does not apply, please enter N/A



- At the end of section 4, there is an attachment facility to upload any documents the student may want to be included in the interview.
- Upon completion of question 4.7, if the candidate has completed a Candidature Variation and/or a Candidature Extension form, the system will bring forward the requests for you to review and approve or disapprove.

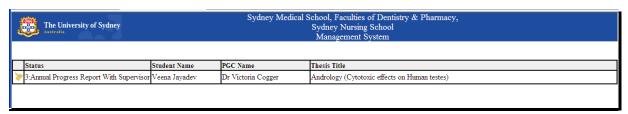


Once all sections have been completed, the system will show you a summary page where you will be able to review all the details you have entered, as well as those entered by the candidate

Please ensure you check all details before saving and submitting your form.

- Once all sections have been completed and the form is submitted;
 - a) Any sections you have missed will be highlighted for you to complete
 - b) The Postgraduate Coordinator will be notified and (s)he will review and complete the next section

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> By selecting the 'Supervisor Home' link in the top right hand corner of the screen, you will be able to go to your home page and follow the links to review all your students who have started their APR and see what stage they are at.



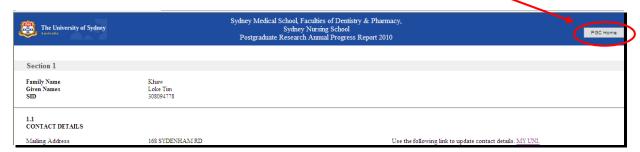
Section 5 - Completed by the Postgraduate Coordinator or nominated assistant

The Postgraduate Coordinators MUST ensure that an Annual Progress Report is completed and returned by all current research higher degree candidates within their respective discipline/unit.

The PGC can assign an assistant on the system to allow them to complete Section 5 on their behalf, they will need to go into the system via the web-link on the email and enter the Assistants details:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PGC

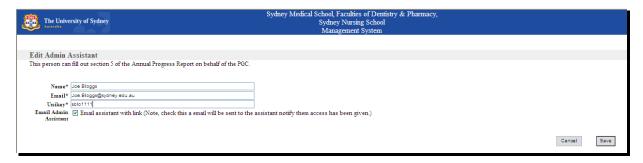
➤ Web-link from email will bring up an applicant's APR, select PGC Home



Click on the 'Assign Admin Assistant'



Enter the details of who you want your assistant to be:



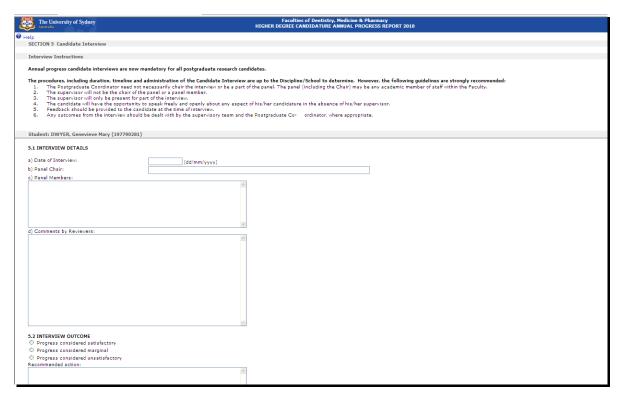
Please NOTE: An email will initially be generated to the assistant to confirm they have been given authorisation on your behalf. Once this has been set up, each time the supervisor completes Section 4 of any APR and submits, your assigned PGC Assistant will be copied into all notification emails with a link of their own to complete Section 5. You will be notified once this has been completed.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PGC AND/OR PGC ASSISTANT

Please review sections 1-4 which have been completed by the candidate and their supervisor and arrange for the candidate to be interviewed.

This section is for the PGC or nominated offical to enter the details of the interview and any information which needs to be raised at this time.

- You must give an answer for each question in order to submit the APR
- ➤ Where any question does not relate to you or does not apply, please enter N/A



- > There is an attachment facility to upload any documents up to 8gb
- Once all sections have been completed, the system will show you a summary page where you will be able to review all the details you have entered, as well as those entered by the supervisor and the candidate
- Please ensure you check all details before saving and submitting your form.
- Once all sections have been completed and the form is submitted;
 - a) Any sections you have missed will be highlighted for you to complete
 - b) Where the PGC assistant has completed Section 5, the PGC will be notified of the completion and requested to complete the next section

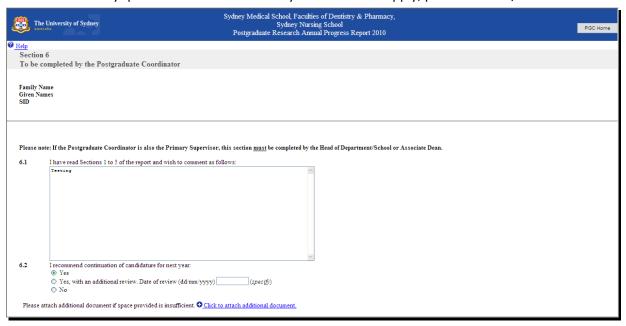
Section 6 - Completed by the Postgraduate Coordinator

Please review sections 1-5 which have been completed by the candidate and their supervisor and complete Section 6.

This section is for the PGC to add any additional comments from the outcome of the interview and confirm if they recommend continuation for the following year.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUPERVISOR

- You must give an answer for each question in order to submit the APR
- ➤ Where any question does not relate to you or does not apply, please enter N/A



➤ Upon completion of question 6.2, if the candidate has completed a Candidature Variation and/or a Candidature Extension form, the system will bring forward the requests for you to review and approve or disapprove.





- Once all sections have been completed, the system will show you a summary page where you will be able to review all the details you have entered, as well as those entered by the supervisor and the candidate
- Please ensure you check all details before saving and submitting your form.
- Once all sections have been completed and the form is submitted;
 - a) Any sections you have missed will be highlighted for you to complete
 - b) The student will be notified and (s)he will review and complete the next section

Section 7 - Completed by the Candidate

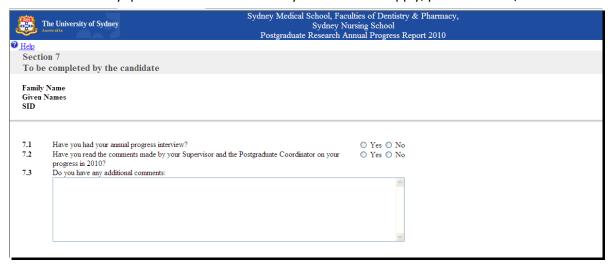
Please review sections 1-6.

This section is to be completed AFTER the APR interview and is the last chance for the candidate to complete the final review and see all comments which have been added by the Supervisor and PGC.

It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that this report has been completed by all parties. A candidate who fails to complete and submit the report will be asked to show cause as to why the candidature should not be terminated by reason of unsatisfactory progress.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

- You must give an answer for each question in order to submit the APR
- Where any question does not relate to you or does not apply, please enter N/A



- Once all sections have been completed, the system will show you a summary page where you will be able to review all the details you have entered, as well as those entered in previous sections
- Please ensure you check all details before saving and submitting your form.
- Once all sections have been completed and the form is submitted;
 - a) Any sections you have missed will be highlighted for you to complete
 - b) The Chair of the Board will be notified and (s)he will review and complete the final section

PLEASE NOTE: Once the Chair of the Board completes the next section, you will NOT be able to access your APR. If you want to keep a record of your APR you will need to save and/or print a copy before you Submit Section 7.

Section 8 - Completed by the Chair of the Board

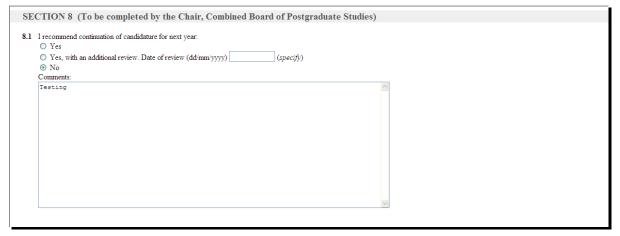
Please review sections 1-7 and complete Section 8 by 1st Nov which have been completed by the Student, Supervisor and Postgraduate Coordinator.

If you require the Deputy Chair of the Board to complete this APR, please scroll to the bottom of the page and click on 'Request Deputy Sign Off' and an email will be generated to the Deputy Chair of the Board to complete this on your behalf.

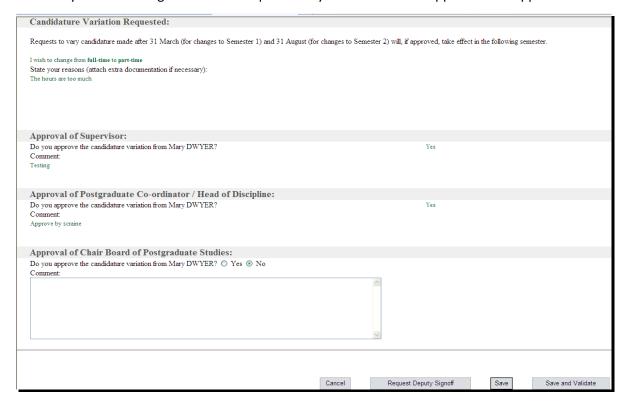
This is the final section of the APR to be completed and gives the Chair of the Board the chance to review the entire APR and to complete the sign off adding any additional comments and confirm if they recommend continuation for the following year

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUPERVISOR

- You must give an answer for each question in order to submit the APR
- Where any question does not relate to you or does not apply, please enter N/A



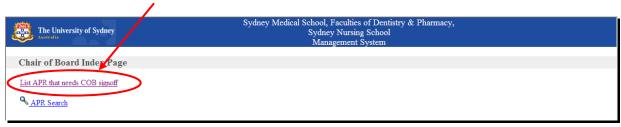
➤ If the candidate has completed a Candidature Variation and/or a Candidature Extension form, the system will bring forward the requests for you to review and approve or disapprove.



- Once all sections have been completed, the system will show you a summary page where you will be able to review all the details you have entered, as well as those entered by the Postgraduate Coordinator, the supervisor and the candidate
- Please ensure you check all details before saving and submitting your form.
- Once all sections have been completed and the form is submitted;
 - a) Any sections you have missed will be highlighted for you to complete
 - b) The Student and or PGC will be notified of the completion of the APR
 - c) The APR will be locked from any further editing

To view all other submitted APRs select the 'CBO Home' button at the top of each page of the APR.

The Chair of the Board will be able to see a full list of the students who have submitted APR by selecting the "List APR that needs COB sign off" from the home page:



Click into each APR to review Sections 1-7 and update Section 8.

