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Tongrui Zhang
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Dear Tongrui,

Re: Confirmation of Candidature

Congratulations!

I am pleased to inform you your PGR9 was approved by the Faculty of Design & Creative Technologies and was noted at the University Postgraduate Board at their meeting held on 20 Feb 2018. You have now completed all conditions placed on your provisional admission to your programme, and the Board will now confirm your candidature in the Doctor of Philosophy.

The completion of this milestone marks a significant point in the career of every doctoral student, and represents the successful passage from provisional to confirmed candidature. It demonstrates your maturity as a doctoral researcher capable of contributing an original contribution to your field of enquiry. It also demonstrates that your project is of a suitable scope and standard for your degree, and that you have the capacity, resources, and potential to complete your research at the required level.

Data Collection

If your research does not require ethics approval, you may now begin data collection. If your research does require ethics approval, you may begin data collection once you have ethics approval.

Expected Submission Date

Currently, we are expecting that you will submit for examination on 15 Sep 2020. We are currently updating our records and if you feel this is incorrect, please contact your faculty contact person listed below.

Business Cards

As a recognition of this milestone, the University would like to provide you with your own AUT business cards for you to use when attending conferences and networking with other researchers. We have attached the 'AUT Business Card Order Form' for you to complete and return by email only (no hard copies required) to Scott Pilkington (pgresearch@aut.ac.nz).

The University will cover this initial printing expense, however, reprints will be at the candidate's expense. Please contact the University Postgraduate Centre when a reprint is required.

Faculty Contacts

Your primary supervisor is Ali Ghaffarianhoseini

Your secondary supervisor is Nicola Naismith

Your advisor is Ruggiero Lovreglio

Your supervisory team mentor is John Tookey

The Associate Dean (Postgraduate) is Rosser Johnson, ext 7818

Your faculty doctoral contact person is Angela Anderson, ext. 6761, doffice@aut.ac.nz

Graduate Research School Contact

Your enrolment contact at the Graduate Research School is Jessica Yamamoto, ext. 8220, jessica.yamamoto@aut.ac.nz

Congratulations Again

On behalf of all staff involved in the programme we would like to acknowledge the challenge of undertaking research at this level as well as the commitment and application which are required to pass this significant milestone in your research career.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "mgwil". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

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cc: Ali Ghaffarianhoseini, Nicola Naismith, John Tookey, Angela Anderson DE, Jessica Yamamoto