

Protocols for the oral examination of a doctoral thesis examined within a Māori context

	Mihi (convenor) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acknowledge candidate's whānau, visiting examiners, and candidate
	Opportunity for brief response from whānau representative
	Karakia (convenor or nominee) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open proceedings
	Explanation of the examination process (convenor)
	Oral examination proceeds
	Closing karakia (convenor or nominee)
	Convenor returns completed Oral Examination Report to PGSO
	Celebration with kai, often in another room – arranged by Chief Supervisor
	Other points to note: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Convenor cannot be:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ From the same department as the candidate○ On the candidate's supervisory panel○ Of close kinship or have any other identified conflict of interest• Venue<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The oral examination is expected to be held in a formal venue such as the University meeting room. The University marae is not suitable for the oral examination.• Whānau involvement<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Chief Supervisor, candidate and convenor must give permission for whānau to be in attendance.○ An information sheet will be provided prior to the oral examination, outlining the process and explaining the role of whānau.