

Continuity Plan for Research-related Examinations and MRPs

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While MRP, thesis and dissertation oral examinations, PhD oral transfer exams and PhD oral candidacy exams are most effectively conducted face-to-face, during the pandemic they have been successfully carried out virtually, and in many cases, more inclusively. The default during the Winter 2022 term will be to continue holding them virtually unless there is a desire from the committee or student to have it in person and there is consensus from both

If there is a written component for a transfer/candidacy exam, an alternate format should be considered. For example, the written exam could be converted to an at-home exam.

Individual students who require a quiet, distraction-free space with reliable internet, or need a whiteboard for the examination, have the option to book a space at the SLC (without other examining committee members present). SLC booking information can be found [here](#).

All examinations must adhere to the requirements outlined in Policy 164 and guidelines.

While Toronto Metropolitan University recommends Zoom or [Google Meet](#) for virtual meetings, **we are recommending the use of Zoom for oral examinations with appropriate security measures in place.** In advance of the meetings, we recommend sharing presentation slides with all members of the committee. Keeping in mind that best practices for such virtual meetings are best determined at the program level, **we provide some general guidance on [Zoom defences](#).**

Please direct any questions related to procedures and policies for examinations to Carl Kumaradas (ckumarad@ryerson.ca; x554613), Associate Dean, Programs or Nancy Walton, Associate Dean, Student Affairs (nwalton@ryerson.ca; x556973).

Technical questions can be directed to the [CCS Help Desk](#).