

Feedback cover letter template for doctoral candidates

Date:

Draft Title/Section:

Submitted by:

1. Type and purpose of submission

Briefly describe the type of document you are submitting (e.g., literature review, methodology section, draft chapter, article submission).

- What is the purpose of this piece, and how does it fit into the overall structure of your thesis or project? Is it part of a larger project or a standalone piece?
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2. Current state of the draft

- How complete is this draft?
 - Is it an early draft, a revised version, or close to finished?
 - Are there specific sections that are more polished than others?
 - Have you incorporated any previous feedback, or is this a first submission?
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3. Challenges faced in writing

Outline any challenges you encountered while working on this draft, such as difficulties with argument, structure, coherence, or sourcing.

- What do you feel are the strengths and weaknesses of this text?
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4. Feedback focus areas

Specify the main areas where you would like feedback (e.g., argument clarity, coherence, alignment with research questions, adequacy of sources, logical flow, academic style and tone).

- Are there specific arguments, questions, or sections where you feel uncertain and would like more detailed input?
 - Would you like suggestions for further reading or additional perspectives on certain points?
 - Are there parts you would like the supervisor to ignore at this stage?
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5. Additional Notes

If this is a revision, outline any major changes you've made based on previous feedback.