

Thesis Restricted Access Application Form – Security, Defence or International Relations

Criteria

This embargo is appropriate if the thesis contains confidential information supplied by a security body, and/or it contains information which may prejudice national defence, security or international relations

- Max Embargo Period:** As long as required (permanent is permissible)
- Extension Permitted:** Yes
- Authorisation:** Supervisor and PGR Lead to complete declaration in Section 2
- Evidence Required:** Describe what sensitive information relating to security, defence or international relations is included in the thesis and/or which body has supplied that sensitive information. If you are not permitted to disclose this, please state so. Explain why this information is fundamental to the academic value of the thesis and explain why anonymisation or redaction are not possible. Please also explain the rationale for the embargo duration you have indicated.

You can download further guidance on completing this form [here](#)

Section 1 – General information and student declaration

Surname (Family Name):

Forename(s):

Title (Dr, Ms, Mrs, Mx, Mr etc.):

Student ID Number:

College:

School/Department/Institute:

Degree (e.g. PhD):

Date of entry into this programme of study:

University email address:

Personal / other active email address*:

Expected month and year of degree conferment:

(usually July or December)

Supervisor name(s):

Funder(s) acknowledged in thesis:

**Please provide an email address that will be checked regularly and we can use to contact you about your thesis/embargo after you have graduated*

By signing this form I confirm that:

1. It is necessary that my thesis is embargoed and it meets the criteria laid out in Section 2
2. I have fully completed section 1 and section 2 of this form and obtained the required authorisation
3. My request is compliant with the requirements of all funders acknowledged in my thesis
4. I understand that Library Services will calculate the embargo end date based on the last day of the month of my degree congregation plus the embargo duration I have specified in Section 2
5. I understand that unless I have indicated copy requests can be approved by Library Services:
 - a. While under embargo the thesis will not be shared with anyone (including my supervisor) without the express permission of myself (or a person I have optionally nominated under Section 2)
 - b. Library Services will contact me and/or a person I have nominated to consider any requests for access to my thesis. If I do not respond within 28 working days, such requests will be denied.
6. I have provided an email address that will remain active and be checked regularly following my graduation.
7. I understand that my thesis will become publicly accessible via the eTheses repository on the day following the embargo end date unless I have made a successful extension request at least 28 days prior to the embargo end date.
8. I understand that to facilitate its deposit and preservation in accordance with University regulations, a limited number of Library Services staff will have access to my thesis irrespective of any embargo imposed.
9. The personal information I have provided in this form will be held by the University for the duration of the embargo, plus 1 year.
10. I understand that I can request the early termination of an embargo should circumstances change. To do so, please contact ubira@contacts.bham.ac.uk

Signed (type or upload)

Date

SECTION 2: Embargo detail and authorisation

Embargo duration

Years (permanent is permissible)

Detail supporting evidence below:

Should all information about the thesis remain confidential (if you answer 'Yes', no metadata about your thesis will appear publicly in the etheses repository for the duration of the embargo)

If you answered 'No' to the above, can the full text of your thesis abstract be made publicly available?

**If you responded 'Only in redacted form', please upload a redacted version of the thesis abstract, suitable for public access, when you deposit your thesis to the etheses repository.*

To be completed by your Supervisor

I confirm that I support the embargo duration indicated and that the thesis meets one or both of the conditions below:

- a) It contains information supplied to the University/Researcher by a security organisation and the University holds records which document how and why the information must remain restricted
- b) It contains information/findings which pose a risk to national security or international relations

Supervisor name:

Signed (type or upload):

Date:

To be completed by your PGR Lead

Based on the supporting evidence provided above, I agree that it is necessary to embargo this thesis on the grounds of security, defence or international relations

PGR Lead name:

Signed (type or upload):

Date:

ONCE THIS FORM HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND APPROVED, IT SHOULD BE UPLOADED TO E-THESIS ALONG WITH YOUR THESIS DEPOSIT.