**Request for an Extended Embargo of a Thesis**

**This form is for requesting an extended embargo, i.e. an embargo beyond 1 year. It does not need to be completed if you are only requesting a 1-year embargo. Please refer to the guidance overleaf and attach any relevant supporting evidence.**

**Please note that there is no guarantee that requests for lengthy embargoes will be approved, especially where faculties may have their own guidance.**

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| **SECTION 1: STUDENT’S DETAILS** |
| Name: | Registration Number: |
| School: | Faculty: |
| Thesis title: |
| Who funded the research project? |
| Total number of years embargo requested: |
| Is this an extension to an existing embargo? Yes [ ]  No [ ]  | If so, how many years embargo have you had previously? | How many additional years are you requesting? |
| Extended embargo applies to (please tick any that apply): |
| Ethesis [ ]  | Print thesis (if applicable) [ ]  |
| Reason for the request. Please include sufficient detail/evidence to support your request, e.g. if the embargo is for planned publication, include an outline of your publication plans. If the request is for contractual reasons, include a copy of the contract (see guidance overleaf) |
| Signature: | Date: |
| **SECTION 2: SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS** |
| Name: | School: |
| Comments in support of the request: |
| Signature: | Date: |

**Please return the completed form to** **pgr-enquiries@sheffield.ac.uk**

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| **SECTION 3: FACULTY CONSIDERATION** |
| Name: | Faculty: |
| Comments on decision: |
|[ ]  I approve this request for an extended Thesis embargo |[ ]  I do not approve this request for an extended Thesis embargo |
| Signature: | Date: |

**Examples of exceptions for granting an extended embargo**

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| **Planned publication (please include details of your publication plans)*** There is often a long lead-time to get papers published in academic journals.
* Cross-disciplinary research may also take longer to publish.
* Where we are able to demonstrate that reaching the highest levels of academic excellence also has a long lead-time, and where the thesis contains data likely to be included in future research by the supervisor or collaborator.
* To account for plans to publish, however, the extension should be for a maximum of a further 12 months and it is expected an agreement has been reached with the publisher that this is acceptable.
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