

SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR'S REFERENCE

Program:	MiM
Student:	Vera Yurkina
Title of thesis:	University-industry collaboration for students' entrepreneurial mindset development. Evidence from case study

Justification of the topic choice. Accuracy in defining the aim and objectives of the thesis. Justification of the topic choice; accuracy in defining the aim and tasks of the thesis; originality of the topic and the extent to which it was covered; alignment of the thesis' topic, aim and objectives.

Master thesis by Vera Yurkina explores the phenomenon of university-industry collaboration for the entrepreneurial mindset development. The choice of the topic is well-justified. The aim and objectives of the study are properly defined and logically connected.

Structure and logic of the text flow. Logic of research; full scope of the thesis; alignment of thesis' structural parts, i.e. theoretical and empirical parts.

The thesis structural parts are aligned with the aim and objectives. The choice of the empirical research strategy corresponds to the defined research questions. There is a connection between empirical and theoretical parts.

Quality of analytical approach and quality of offered solution to the research objectives. Adequacy of objectives coverage; ability to formulate and convey the research problem; ability to offer options for its solution; application of the latest trends in relevant research are for the set objectives.

Vera has shown a strong ability to formulate and convey the research problem. I would like to particularly highlight her systematic literature review of high quality, which led her to formulate a number of gaps in the field and relevant research questions, further addressed in the empirical part. I also would like to emphasize the integrative frameworks she developed as a result of her study, that speak to her analytical and systematization abilities.

Quality of data gathering and description. Quality of selecting research tools and methods; data validity adequacy; adequacy of used data for chosen research tools and methods; completeness and relevance of the list of references.

Empirical data collected for the study are adequate for chosen tools and methods. I would like to especially highlight Vera's aspiration to collect as much and as diverse interview data as possible, even though several potential participants were not particularly responsive at the recruitment stage.

Scientific aspect of the thesis. Independent scientific thinking in solving the set problem/objectives; the extent to which the student contributed to selecting and justifying the research model (conceptual and/or quantitative), developing methodology/approach to set objectives.

Vera has shown independent scientific thinking in achieving the study objective and developing the eventual outcome.

Practical/applied nature of research. Extent to which the theoretical background is related to the international or Russian managerial practice; development of applied recommendations; justification and interpretation of the empirical/applied results.

The study has practical implications for all the participants of university-industry collaboration processes that focus on entrepreneurial mindset development.

Quality of thesis layout. Layout fulfils the requirements of the Regulations for master thesis preparation and defence, correct layout of tables, figures, references.

The quality of thesis layout corresponds to the requirements.

Originality of the text. All sources of match identified by the Safe Assign system follow the allowed cases, the paper does not contain any elements of plagiarism.

The paper is fully original and does not contain any elements of plagiarism. The borrowings from other texts are essentially technical and overall comprise less than 1.5% of the work.

The Master thesis of **Vera Yurkina** meets the requirements for master thesis of MiM program thus the author of the thesis can be awarded the required degree.

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A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'K. Bogatyreva', is positioned to the right of the text identifying the scientific advisor.