

## QUALIFYING EXAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Thesis Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee members in attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Please assess the abilities/performance of the student in each of the areas listed below by circling the appropriate descriptor.

1. Presentation style and clarity of written proposal

Unacceptable      Marginal      Fair      Good      Excellent

If an area of concern to the committee, please comment briefly below:

2. Quality and clarity of oral presentation:

Unacceptable      Marginal      Fair      Good      Excellent

If an area of concern to the committee, please comment briefly below:

3. Scientific merit of proposed research, importance of problem, novelty, probability of success:

Unacceptable      Marginal      Fair      Good      Excellent

If an area of concern to the committee, please comment briefly below:

4. Thinking deeply/critically about research project, seeing the "big picture":

Unacceptable      Marginal      Fair      Good      Excellent

If an area of concern to the committee, please comment briefly below:

5. Understanding of relevant techniques/approaches; underlying mechanisms, strengths and limitations:

Unacceptable      Marginal      Fair      Good      Excellent

If an area of concern to the committee, please comment briefly below:

6. Anticipating potential technical problems and other reasons why the project might not work:

Unacceptable      Marginal      Fair      Good      Excellent

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7. Knowledge of the scientific literature in the topic areas (please fill in blanks) assigned at the pre-prospectus meeting:

Topic 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Unacceptable      Marginal      Fair      Good      Excellent

If an area of concern to the committee, please comment briefly below:

Topic 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Unacceptable      Marginal      Fair      Good      Excellent

If an area of concern to the committee, please comment briefly below:

Topic 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Unacceptable      Marginal      Fair      Good      Excellent

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**Provide additional comments (e.g., areas where student should aim for improvement), if desired.**

Committee Recommendation (please check):

\_\_\_\_\_ Pass

\_\_\_\_\_ Fail

\_\_\_\_\_ Decision Pending Minor Additional Work (Conditional Pass), The student should correct some deficiencies in the qualifying exam by:

\_\_\_\_\_ Student rewriting proposal

\_\_\_\_\_ Student writing paper(s) on specified topic(s) (please specify)

\_\_\_\_\_ Student reading literature on specific topic(s), then meeting with individual committee member(s), (Please specify topics and committee members)

Specify time frame for completion of any additional work:

\_\_\_\_\_ Decision Pending Major Additional Work (Conditional Pass). Major deficiencies were found during the qualifying exam

\_\_\_\_\_ Student retaking oral exam in six months

Name of Committee Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Committee Chair \_\_\_\_\_