



RESEARCH PROPOSAL & PRESENTATION

To advance to candidacy, a student must pass the qualifying exam, find an advisor and join his/her group, begin doing research, write a research proposal based on that research, and present the proposal orally in front of the Proposal Examining Committee*. Approval of both the paper and the talk by the Committee requires a sufficiently high quality in content and presentation.

Student's Name:

Date:

Problem Definition:

Exemplary Performance
Meets Expectations
Does Not Meet Expectations

Literature and Previous Work:

Exemplary Performance
Meets Expectations
Does Not Meet Expectations

Results:

Exemplary Performance
Meets Expectations
Does Not Meet Expectations

Potential Impact of Work:

Exemplary Performance
Meets Expectations
Does Not Meet Expectations

Overall Communication Skills:

Exemplary Performance
Meets Expectations
Does Not Meet Expectations

Overall Assessment:

Pass
Fail

Additional Comments:

Printed Name:

Signature:

Date:

*The Proposal Examining Committee consists of at least 4 faculty members, including the advisor, who will read the scholarly paper. These faculty must hold appointments at the University of Maryland, College Park and at least two members must be Biophysics faculty. Ideally this should be the same committee for the final Ph.D. dissertation defense.