

BIOLOGY PhD Qualifying Exam

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STUDENT: _____ Student no. _____

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*faculty members from a different research area inside or outside Biology (these may be supervisory committee members; cross-appointees included)

Proposal format

Attach to this cover sheet a thesis proposal in the following format:

- single-spaced text, 12 pt serif font (e.g., Times), with ≥ 1 cm margins on all sides
- page 1 is a summary of the proposal written in lay terms so that any intelligent person might be able to understand it
- page 2-6 comprises the proposal, usually organized under the following subheadings: Background, Objectives, Methods, Preliminary Results (if available), Expected Results, Expected Significance of the Research. Feel free to modify these or add other subheadings.
- page 7-n is a list of references quoted in the proposal. Use whatever format you like. There is no limit here but most proposals have no more than 2 pages of references
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