

PhD Qualification Evaluation Form

This form provides a record of the examination. It may also identify weaknesses that can be addressed at future committee meetings.

Following the defence, the student will leave the room, and **each** examiner will evaluate the student with respect to the criteria listed on the other page of this form, using the grading system below. The chair will collate the evaluations, present the summary to the committee and determine the nature of the subsequent discussion. Once a decision has been reached, the student will be invited back and informed of the decision. Copies of the evaluation will be made available to the student.

Grading system:

E - Excellent.

VG - Very good.

G - Good

N - Needs improvement. Shows signs of being able to proceed in the PhD program, but deficiencies need to be corrected first.

FZ – Unsatisfactory. Clearly not at the level required for proceeding in the PhD program.

The candidate passes the exam if all grades in all categories from all examiners are E, VG, or G.

If **more than one** examiner gives an **Overall Assessment** of **N** or **FZ** the examining committee must recommend one of the following options:

- a) That the student submit a revised written proposal and retake the oral exam within 4 to 8 weeks, after correcting deficiencies noted.
- b) That the student retake the Oral Exam within 4 to 8 weeks without revision of the proposal.
- c) That the student submit a revised written proposal within 4 to 8 weeks without retaking the Oral Exam.
- d) That the student transfer to the MSc program, provided that they do not have an MSc in a related field from U of T
- e) That the student's enrolment in the program is terminated.

If **two or more examiners** give a grade of **N** or **FZ** in any of the categories the examining committee should discuss their overall evaluations, and consider recommending one of the options in the preceding paragraph.

Qualification Exam Evaluation Form.

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Examiner Name: _____

Indicate your role:

- _____ **Supervisor**
- _____ **Supervisory Committee Member**
- _____ **Designated Examiner**
- _____ **External Examiner**
- _____ **Chair**

Grade

1. Written proposal.

- A. Scientific content; appropriateness for Ph.D. _____
- B. Presentation (clarity, organization) _____
- C. Progress to date _____

2. Oral presentation.

3. Defence:

- A. Knowledge closely related to the proposal _____
- B. Broader knowledge _____
- C. Scientific thinking _____

4. Overall Assessment.

Additional Comments:

Recommendation:

Examiner Signature