

BCDB ORAL QUALIFYING EXAM FORM

Student: This form is meant to document the results of this examination. It also serves to inform you and your committee of the steps to be taken in preparing and defending your oral qualifying examination.

The oral examination is based on a research proposal on the student's own thesis research. Two weeks prior to the examination, the student must distribute their research proposal to the examining committee. The proposal should be written in the form of a grant proposal and can be an updated version of the grant written in the grants class (IBS 522r). The same limitations on pages, font, spacing, etc, apply here, as in the grants class. The written proposal will not be evaluated by the examining committee but may serve as a focal point for questions and discussions.

At the exam itself the student will begin with an oral presentation, limited to 15 minutes, of the proposed thesis research. The student should be prepared to answer questions on the thesis proposal. Rehearsing the oral presentation in front of others (excluding faculty) is not only allowed but encouraged. Questioning will occur in two rounds, during which each member of the committee (excluding the mentor) is given ten minutes of questioning followed by five minutes of open discussion. Additional details can be found in the BCDB Program Guidelines.

Note: the oral qualifying exam is not a thesis research committee meeting.

STUDENT _____ EXAM DATE _____

MENTOR _____

EXAM CHAIR _____

Committee Member (Please Print) Overall Grade (P/F) Committee Member's Signature

Upon completion, send this form to the BCDB Program Administrator.