

EVALUATION RUBRIC: PRELIMINARY EXAM - PROPOSAL PRESENTATION

Candidate Name: _____

Date: _____

Title of Dissertation: _____

Evaluation/Guidance	Needs Significant Improvement	Needs Improvement	Acceptable	Very Good	Excellent
1. Problem Definition: States the research problem clearly, providing motivation for undertaking the research					
2. Literature and Previous Work: Demonstrates sound knowledge of literature in the area, and of prior work on the specific research problem					
3. Impact of Proposed Research: Demonstrates the potential value of solution to the research problem in advancing knowledge within the area of study					
4. Solution Plan: Provides a sound plan for applying state-of-the-field research methods/tools to solving the defined problem and shows a good understanding of how to use methods/tools effectively					
5. Expected Results: Provides a sound plan for analyzing and interpreting research results/data					
6. Quality of Written and Oral Communication: (a) Communicates research proposal clearly and professionally in both (a) written and (b) oral form (b)					
7. Critical Thinking: Demonstrates capability for independent research in the area of study, preparedness in core disciplines relevant to research, and ability to complete the proposed research					
8. Broader Impact: Demonstrates awareness of broader implications of the proposed research. Broader implications may include social, economic, technical, ethical, business, etc. aspects.					

Overall Assessment: The assessment of the overall performance of the candidate based on the evidence provided in items 1 – 8 above.

CRITERIA	PERFORMANCE RATINGS				
	Does NOT PASS PRELIMINARY Exam	Passes PRELIMINARY Exam			
OVERALL, my rating of the PERFORMANCE	Needs Significant Improvement	Needs Improvement	Acceptable	Very Good	Excellent

Name of the Examining Committee Member: _____

Signature of the Examining Committee Member: _____

Please see more comments on the reverse.