

PHD APPRAISAL EXAMINATION REPORT

Candidate's Name: _____ Date: _____

Student Number: _____

Appraisal Proposal Title: _____

This examination is is not a retake of a previous appraisal exam.

[Date of original examination if applicable] _____

The following should serve as guidelines for posing questions and for appraising the candidate:

1. Has the student demonstrated:
 - a) senior undergraduate competence in general biological principles,
 - b) mastery of fundamental ecological and evolutionary concepts, and
 - c) advanced expertise in their research specialization?
2. Has the student satisfactorily demonstrated how the proposed research logically follows from existing scientific knowledge and previous investigations in the subdiscipline?
3. Has the student satisfactorily demonstrated how the proposed research will contribute to the advancement of science in the particular subdiscipline?
4. Is the candidate familiar with relevant literature?
5. Are the objectives of the research clearly defined and achievable?
6. Has the candidate demonstrated sufficient knowledge of experimental design, data collection and methods of analysis to ensure completion of the research programme?
7. Is the time envisioned to complete the research programme realistic? If it may not be, the components of the program could be prioritized so that it is clear which components could be dropped without compromising the ability of the student to satisfactorily complete the degree.
8. Does the candidate possess sufficient skills in written and verbal communication to complete PhD dissertation requirements?

Considering the above questions, the Appraisal Committee judges that:

(a) the candidate passed (some recommendations may be listed below)

(b) the candidate's performance was conditionally acceptable. If the requirements are discharged, the candidate will have passed the exam. The conditions for passing are listed below.

(c) the candidate's performance was unacceptable for continuation in the Ph.D. programme. If this was the first appraisal exam, the candidate is required to have a second appraisal exam within four months. See expectations for the second appraisal exam below.

Performance on specific aspects of the seminar and exam (please tick the appropriate column for each component; additional comments added (below) are welcomed):

Component	Unsatisfactory	Acceptable	Good	Excellent
Seminar				
Written proposal				
Responses to questions on the proposal				
Responses to the Question Bank questions				

List below any recommendations and/or requirements for improvement of the candidate's general background knowledge, and/or the proposed research programme. See the list provided in the EEB Appraisal Exam Guidelines. Use the back of this sheet if more space is needed

For (a) above (the candidate passed), list any recommendations.

For (b) above (conditionally acceptable), for requirements that must be met for the candidate to pass the exam and to remain in good standing: number each requirement, clearly describe each requirement, and provide a deadline for each requirement. The (co-)supervisor(s) is/are responsible for ensuring that all members of the supervisory committee are convinced that the requirements have been met and that all sign the Post-appraisal Requirements Completion Form, which must be submitted to the EEB Graduate Office within 2 weeks of the last deadline noted on this form.

For (c) above (the committee has found the candidate's performance to be unacceptable), and if this was the first appraisal exam, please provide detailed expectations that the candidate has to meet for the second appraisal examination.

(please continue on reverse or on a separate page if more space is required)

Supervisor (printed): _____ (signed): _____

Co-supervisor (printed): _____ (signed): _____

Supervisory (printed): _____ (signed): _____
Committee Member

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Committee Member

EEB Member (printed): _____ (signed): _____

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Post Examination Responsibilities

The Chair of the examination committee is responsible for submitting this form to the EEB Graduate Office, Room 3046, Earth Sciences Centre within 24 hours of the examination.

The Chair of the exam or the Graduate Office will provide copies of this completed Appraisal Examination Report form to the student and (co-)supervisor(s).