

Biological Sciences Department

Rubric for Assessing IB PhD Dissertation Proposal

Name of IB PhD Student: _____

Name of Evaluator: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Criterion	1-----2-----3-----4-----5	Poor	Excellent	Score	
Literature review of chosen field Knowledge		Shallow, mistaken, containing large gaps, incorrectly cited	Appropriate coverage, accurately represented.	Extensive, synthetic, commanding, shows deep understanding.	
Scientific merit of proposed work Critical Thinking Knowledge		Unoriginal, limited potential for publication Narrow, trivial, flawed logic	Useful contribution, shows some creativity and insight	Sophisticated, highly creative, potential for scientific breakthrough	
Intellectual design of proposed work Critical thinking Knowledge		Poorly defined, illogically developed	Testable hypotheses, supported by published and preliminary data	Novel, ambitious, clearly feasible	
Practical design of proposed work Critical thinking		Poorly chosen methods or analyses	Appropriate methods and analyses	Elegant, novel, methods and analyses	
Written proposal Communication Knowledge		Numerous grammatical and spelling errors, poor organization	Adequate attention to grammar, spelling and organization	Clear exposition, near flawless, logically organized.	
Oral presentation Communication Knowledge		Hard to follow, confusing, little learned by audience.	Some organization, lack of coherence, some points clear.	Well organized, engaging, points clearly made and understood.	

Other comments or recommendations:

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