

## Report on the Defense of Research Proposal

Each committee member should download, print, fill out, and return this form to  
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**Student name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your name:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Research proposal:

- very well written, a pleasure to read, accepted as is
- written in a satisfactory style, accepted as is
- accepted subject to a minor revision (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- needs major revision; a review by the committee is necessary
- inadequate, rejected

### Research area:

- a hot research area, very competitive, great source of research problems
- a classical research area, with hard problems
- offers suitable supply of research problems, fairly interesting
- offers suitable supply of research problems, but is of limited interest
- offers research problems but unlikely to lead to a suitable ACO thesis
- not clear there are any substantial problems there

### Student's knowledge:

- outstanding, answered all questions correctly and completely
- very good, sufficient to start excellent research, likely to improve with time
- good, has good potential after filling certain gaps (please specify)
- fair, not ready to start research, but has the potential to improve
- poor, should not continue in the program

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### Readiness to start research:

- Student presented a paper publishable in a top journal. Has already started research
- Student presented a paper that is publishable, but not in a first-class journal
- Student presented a manuscript that is probably not publishable in a reasonable journal, but shows ability to conduct research (please give details)
- Student presented a manuscript that is not convincing of his/her ability to conduct research
- Student failed to demonstrate his/her ability to conduct original research
- Other (please specify)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Knowledge of current literature:**

- Student is familiar with the current literature, has listed adequate number of references and shown familiarity with them
- Student is somewhat familiar with current literature, but needs to do more reading (please specify)
- Student listed enough references, but has not shown adequate familiarity with them (please provide details)
- Student did not list enough references but has shown familiarity with those listed (please provide details)
- Student did not list enough references and has not shown familiarity with them

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Questions asked:** Please list the questions you asked the student and describe your level of satisfaction with the answers given.

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**Overall recommendation:**

- pass
- conditional pass (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- fail with recommendation to retake
- unconditional fail

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_