EVALUATION RUBRIC: PRELIMINARY (PHD) EXAM – PROPOSAL PRESENTATION

Candidate Name: _____   Date: _____

Title of Dissertation: _____

Evaluation/Guidance	Does not meet Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exemplary Performance	Not Applicable
1. Problem Definition: States the research problem clearly, providing motivation for undertaking the research				
2. Literature and Previous Work: Demonstrates sound knowledge and ability to synthesize 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 sounds plan for analyzing and interpreting research results/data				
6. Quality of Written and Oral Communication: **(a)** Communicates information 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 and <u>preparedness in core disciplines</u>, including field measurements and analytic techniques.				
8. Broader Impact: Demonstrates awareness of broader implications of research in the study area. Broader implications may include social, economic, technical, ethical, business, etc. aspects				
9. Ethics: Has received training in responsible and ethical conduct of research (RCR) through specific coursework or workshops.	NO	YES	███	███

Overall Assessment: The assessment of the overall performance of the candidate based on the evidence provided in items 1-9 above.

CRITERIA	PERFORMANCE RATINGS		
	DOES NOT PASS PRELIMINARY EXAM	**PASSES PRELIMINARY EXAM**	
OVERALL Rating of the Examination	Does not meet Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exemplary Performance

Name of the Examining Committee Member: _____

Signature of the Examining Committee Member: _____