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 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, <u>preparedness in core disciplines</u> 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.				
9. **Ethics:** Has received training in responsible and ethical conduct of research (RCR) through specific coursework or workshops.	YES/NO			

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: _____