

## Dissertation Prospectus Evaluation<sup>1</sup>

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dissertation Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dissertation Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

### Research Problem, Theory, and Research Questions

1. The prospectus describes a research or social problem that is clearly relevant to Social Work/ Social Welfare.

Strongly agree     Agree with some reservations     Disagree

2. The prospectus provides a sound overview of the relevant research literature in this area.

Strongly agree     Agree with some reservations     Disagree

3. The prospectus includes a conceptual framework and/or theoretical orientation relevant to the problem under study.

Strongly agree     Agree with some reservations     Disagree

4. The research questions are clearly articulated.

Strongly agree     Agree with some reservations     Disagree

5. The research questions are logically related to the research / social problem previously identified.

Strongly agree     Agree with some reservations     Disagree

6. The research questions are logically related to the theory or conceptual framework.

Strongly agree     Agree with some reservations     Disagree

### Methods

7. Overall, the methods described are clearly linked to the research questions and a well-established epistemological perspective.

Strongly agree     Agree with some reservations     Disagree

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<sup>1</sup>Form adapted from the University of Washington Ph.D. program

8. The methods are of a sufficient scope and rigor likely to produce original knowledge and the potential of significant scholarly contribution to the field of Social Welfare.

Strongly agree     Agree with some reservations     Disagree

9. The sampling, measures, data collection approach, and analysis techniques are appropriate to the research questions posed. *(This question could be divided into four separate questions if preferred.)*

Strongly agree     Agree with some reservations     Disagree

10. The prospectus addresses human subjects concerns and outlines a plan for obtaining CPHS approvals.

Strongly agree     Agree with some reservations     Disagree

### **Timeline**

11. A realistic timeline is described in sufficient detail.

Strongly agree     Agree with some reservations     Disagree

### **Overall Assessment and Next Steps**

Committee member completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_

The dissertation prospectus needs:

Major revision                       Modest revision                       Minor revision

Dissertation prospectus approved:

YES                       NO

Comments: