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QUALIFYING EXAMINATION FORM 4: Chair's Summary Evaluation

Exam Date: _____ **Banner ID #:** _____

Student: _____

Department: _____ **Mentor:** _____

The decision of the Qualifying Exam Committee for the above named student may be:

H: 'Honors' indicating an outstanding performance on the written proposal and oral examination.

P: 'Pass' indicating a satisfactory performance on the written proposal and oral examination.

PD: 'Postponed Decision' for the purpose of necessary revision of the written proposal, *only when the oral examination is satisfactory*. **Important: If decision is postponed, submit Form 4 (this page) and Examiner sheets to the Graduate Office, Belfer 202, after the initial exam. Form 4a will be forwarded to the Chair of this Committee.** The candidate will be recommended for the M.S. degree upon satisfactory completion of the revisions outlined by the Qualifying Exam Committee Chair.

The revised proposal must be submitted to all the members of the Qualifying Exam Committee on or before the final deadline date of one month after the date of oral exam. The Qualifying Exam Committee Chair then has seven calendar days to assign a final grade and submit Form 4a to the Graduate Office.

F: 'Fail' will be given upon an unsatisfactory oral examination (even if the written document is deemed acceptable) or upon failure to satisfactorily complete the written proposal following a postponed decision.

Examiner	Grade				Signature
	H	P	PD	F	
_____ (Chair)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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Final Exam Grade:

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- 3-1 vote of 3 Committee members voting honors, then the final exam grade will be 'H'
- 3-1 vote of 3 Committee members voting pass, then the final exam grade will be 'P'
- 2-2 vote of 2 Committee members voting fail, then the final exam grade will be 'F'
- 2-2 vote of 2 Committee members voting postponed decision, then the final exam grade will be 'PD'
- 2-2 vote of 2 Committee members voting honors, further discussion is warranted. If the vote remains 2-2, the final exam grade will be 'P'

Comments (use reverse page if necessary):

EINSTEIN QUALIFYING EXAM SCORING GUIDELINES

Name Of Student: _____ **Date:** _____

Please provide a grade for each of the three components with Honors (H), Pass (P), or Fail (F).

In order to pass the exam, the student must obtain a grade of (P) or (H) in all three components.

Postponed Decision indicates that a revision of the written document is required.

Name of examiner: _____	Signature of examiner: _____
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COMPONENTS OF QUALIFYING EXAM

1. ORAL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION -----

- Is the oral presentation clear and organized logically providing a hypothesis to be tested?
- Did the student succeed in describing the "big picture"?
- Can the student justify the choice of the methods?
- Does the student understand the science behind the methods proposed?

2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE AND SCIENTIFIC PERSPECTIVE -----

- Can the student assess critically the background & significance of the project?
- Does the student understand the underlying principles?
- How well is the student able to talk about the field?
- Can the student integrate knowledge from multiple courses?
- Did the student demonstrate an ability to think logically and critically?

3. WRITTEN PROPOSAL -----

- Is the written proposal clear and organized logically?
- Are the experiments directly testing the hypothesis?
- Are the controls proposed appropriate?
- Is the hypothesis original?
- Is the experimental design or the methods innovative?
- Is the independent aim (asterisk) appropriate for the project?

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