## Rubric for Evaluating PhD Dissertation Research Proposal

(This page should be filled out by the student or Committee Chairman/advisor prior to distribution to Committee)

Chair of Evaluation Committee		Date of Proposal Review	
Research Proposal Title			
Committee Members and Department			
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After evaluating the dissertation research proposal, **each committee member should fill out the response sheets provided**. For each attribute which a committee member feels is somewhat or very deficient, a short explanation should be provided. A **Comment** sections at the bottom of the rubric is provided for explanations of the reasoning behind the overall evaluation of the examinee's performance on the research proposal if desired. Completed forms are to be **turned in to the Chair of the Evaluation Committee (or Advisor)**, not the student.

A summary of written comments from committee members as well as any edited copies of the research proposal submitted by committee members WILL be provided to the student by the chair of the examining committee (or advisor) and; a verbal summarization of the overall evaluation of the research proposal by the committee WILL be provided to the student by the chair of the examining committee (or advisor) or during a prescheduled meeting of the advisory committee.

All evaluation documents including rubrics and written comments must be completed.

A copy of the completed forms (both rubrics and written comments) must be sent to the Associate Dean for Graduate Programs within 1 week of the completion of the proposal review process.

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Summary of <u>Individual</u> Committee Member comments for student concerning performance on Dissertation Research Proposal:	
Chair of Examining Committee Signature	Date: