

Candidacy Examination Part 2: Oral Presentation (AY 2013/14)

The **Candidacy Examination for the Academic Year 2013/14** is composed of two parts:

- **Part 1 consists of an Analytical Examination**
- **Part 2 consists of a Pre-proposal**

After completing Part 1 of the Candidacy Exam, students will be responsible for scheduling Part 2.

Preparation for Part 2 of the Candidacy Exam

The student (in consultation with the thesis advisor), will prepare a Pre-proposal for their thesis. The Pre-proposal will include a 5 page document (excluding references) and an oral presentation.

The Pre-proposal preliminary document:

- should include approximately 3 pages of the *Background Information and Specific Aim*, which reviews the relevant literature, critically evaluates previous work in the area, identifies gap(s) in knowledge, and leads to the formulation of a scientific question that will be addressed by the *Specific Aim* section
- should include approximately 2 pages describing the *Experimental/Methodological Approach*
- should address only one aim of a multiple aims project
- does not require any preliminary data; however the student should anticipate what kind of data will be collected

The Oral Presentation:

- should include an outline of the experimental and/or analytical approach to the problem (methods, equipment and hypothetical, but realistic, time line)
- should be limited to 20 minutes and will be followed by approximately 20 minutes of questions and answers
- should answer any questions asked by members of the Pre-proposal Committee, the committee will ask primarily
- questions pertaining directly to the Pre-proposal but may also expect answers on general research methodology issues

Part 2 of the Candidacy Exam: – Scheduling and Deadlines

The student must:

- in consultation with his/her thesis advisor, suggest five members for his/her a Pre-Proposal Committee (At least 5 members, 3 of which must be tenured/tenure-track BIOMED faculty, at least 1 member must be from outside the School)
- schedule a date and reserve a room (see BIOMED front desk for room reservations) for the Pre-proposal presentation which must take place no later than January 31, 2014
- submit a D3 form (if changes to the committee occur after the pre-proposal and prior to the thesis proposal an updated [D3](#) form should be filed)
- submit to the Pre-proposal Committee, via email (and with a copy to njb33@drexel.edu) the Pre-proposal document, at least one week prior to the scheduled presentation
- bring forms [D2](#) and [D2a](#) (one copy of D2a for each committee member) to the Pre-proposal presentation for committee's signatures

If you have any questions and or concerns please contact Dr. Andres Kriete (ak3652@drexel.edu) and Natalia Broz (njb33@drexel.edu).