

**University of Houston**  
**Department of Biology and Biochemistry**

**QUALIFYING EXAM WRITTEN PROPOSAL REVIEW**

Please return this form BY EMAIL to the committee Chair by February 15; make sure to send a copy to Rosezelia Jackson ([rejacks2@central.uh.edu](mailto:rejacks2@central.uh.edu)). The Committee Chairperson should also submit an evaluation to Rosezelia Jackson, and forward all evaluations to the student.

Student's Name:

Committee Chairperson's name:

Committee Member's name:

Qualifying exam written proposal review

On a scale of 1-10 please rate the following aspects of the qualifying exam proposal:

	Major flaws		Poor		Average/adequate		Very good		Outstanding	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<u>Significance of the questions addressed</u>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>Originality of the central hypothesis</u>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>Quality of the specific aims</u>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>Experimental design</u>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>Pitfalls and alternative approaches</u>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>Writing skills</u>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Outcome:

- Defensible
- Defensible with corrections to be reviewed by the committee Chairperson
- Major corrections and a re-written draft are required

In four sentences or less, please state what changes can be made to the proposal to make it defensible (if it is not), stronger for the defense, or even fundable (in case it is superbly defensible):