

Thesis proposal:

To preserve aspects of our current preliminary exam, a thesis committee meeting will be expected on or around the end of the 4th year. This deadline is not firm but the meeting must be held at least 6 months *before* the thesis defense. This meeting will be similar in tone to our current committee meetings where the main goal is to vet the thesis research proposal with benefit of advisory committee. Additional members can be added or removed from the committee to provide better feedback on research directions. This meeting includes a written component which builds upon the prelim (6 pg.) research document to create a full R01 type proposal (12+1 pgs.) by including more preliminary work, literature review and greater details in the approach. This meeting will consist of an oral presentation by the PhD student which should be more open ended and provide an opportunity for greater discussion of research directions (target 30-45 minutes). Completion of remaining degree requirements will be confirmed at this meeting. (coursework, TA, RCR, etc.).

Timing: This meeting can be held any time after 4th year but delays will be tracked by DGS office with extensions of more than one year (end of 5th year) requiring written justification and yearly reports.

Rubric: Bring the rubric for your committee to provide feedback. Submit the signed rubric to the DGSA, Danielle Giles.