

**BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT
THESIS PROPOSAL EVALUATION FORM**

Student name: _____

NMU IN: _____

Student NMU email: _____

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

In order for a graduate student research proposal to be accepted in the Northern Michigan University Biology Department, it must meet the following expectations which are judged by the thesis advisory committee:

ELEMENT	Student does not meet expectations	Student meets expectations	Student exceeds expectations	COMMENTS
Literature review is appropriate and comprehensive				
Proposal describes clear aims/goals/hypotheses for the project				
Experimental design is appropriate and feasible (has clear and appropriate replication, controls, and statistical power to achieve the aims/goals/hypotheses)				
Proposal includes an appropriate timeline for project accomplishment				
Proposal includes an assessment of needed resources to accomplish the project				
Proposal is well-written using standard English and scientific style				
Student was able to verbally describe the project plan and answer questions about the proposal				
Student was able to express a level of scientific understanding appropriate to their stage in the program				

The student has successfully met the overall criteria of production of a scientifically professional research proposal.

The proposal is approved.

The student has not successfully achieved the overall criteria for the proposal. The proposal is not approved.

Documentation of IRB or IACUC application or approval attached

Not relevant

Thesis Chair Name Date

Thesis Chair Signature Date

Thesis Reader #1 Name

Thesis Reader #1 Signature Date

Thesis Reader #2 Name

Thesis Reader #2 Signature Date

Thesis Reader #3 (Optional) Name

Thesis Reader #3 (Opt) Signature Date

Thesis Reader #4 (Optional) Name

Thesis Reader #4 (Opt) Signature Date

Graduate Dean Name

Graduate Dean Signature Date

This form should be completed by the thesis advisory committee (without signatures). The form, along with a copy of the proposal, and IRB/IACUC documentation if necessary, should then be emailed to <graduate@nmu.edu>. Include email addresses of any non-NMU committee members. The form will then be circulated for signatures via RightSignature.