

Ph.D Thesis Proposal Guidelines

Before the Examination:

- Title of the proposal submitted five weeks in advance to Christine Laberge
- Complete written proposal submitted three weeks in advance to Christine Laberge
- Up to five pages single spaced
- Describe research progress to date, and proposed research for the Ph.D. thesis
- Optional extra page indicating additional work not in the main proposal may be added and must be clearly marked
- Present the background, rationale, central hypothesis, specific aims and significance
- Include short and long term objectives
- Three proposed results chapters is common but not required
- Must include substantial preliminary experimental work

Thesis Proposal Examination:

- 20 minute presentation to GAC, 40 minute discussion
- Presentation summarizes the written proposal
- Must include substantial preliminary experimental work
- Questions about the design, background and potential of the project
- Questions about general background knowledge of biochemistry and molecular biology

Evaluation Criteria:

1. Presentation, background knowledge and insight into the proposed research
2. Knowledge in related areas of biochemistry
3. Response to criticisms raised during the Research Seminar 1
4. Feasibility of the proposed experiments

The research supervisor must be available for consultation after the examination.