**Dentistry Ph.D. Oral Comprehensive Examination**

Key points:

All Ph.D. students are required to take the oral comprehensive exam within 24 months of registering into the Ph.D. program (whether through direct entry or through “fast-tracking” from our own MSc program). The examination session is closed to all except the student, the supervisor(s) and the members of the Oral Comprehensive Examination Committee. The entire examination session should last for about 1.5 hours.

The goal of this examination procedure is to confirm that the trainee is prepared to carry out the final 2-3 years of the program by exhibiting adequate understanding of his/her research project and key elements of the research field, as well as the ability to thoughtfully consider related issues. Evaluation criteria include 1) Project organization (including presentation), 2) Project content (including progress and potential), and 3) Ability to communicate concepts clearly.

- The student will give approximately a 30-minute presentation on their research program, progress they have made, and future work and directions.

- Probing questions about their work and the research field are to be asked by the committee members for about an 1 hour.

The Exam will be graded on a Pass/Fail basis.

If the decision is a Fail, a re-examination must occur within 6 months.

The Oral Comprehensive Exam form must be completed and signed by the supervisor(s) and all members of the committee.