

Attachment H

Format for the Dissertation Proposal

All Ph.D. students in the Cellular and Structural Biology Graduate Program are required to write and defend a Dissertation Proposal. It should be written in the format of an NIH-postdoctoral grant application (NIH form SF424_RR; Rev 6/2009) having a limit of 1 single-spaced page (not less than 11 font) to describe the Specific Aims and 6 pages for the Research Strategy including Significance, Background and Approach (including figures and tables). The section on Literature Citations is not included in the page limit, but it should not exceed two pages. The specifics of the Dissertation Proposal will be determined by the track.

Note: The format for the written part of the Qualifying Examination and the Dissertation Proposal are identical, however there can be no overlap in topics.

Format for the Thesis Proposal

All M.S. students in the Cellular and Structural Biology Graduate Program are required to write and defend a Thesis Proposal. The thesis proposal should be written in the format of an NIH-postdoctoral grant application (NIH form SF424_RR; Rev 6/2009) having a limit of 1 single-spaced page (not less than 11 font) to describe the Specific Aims and 6 pages for the Research Strategy including Significance, Background and Approach (including figures and tables). The section on Literature Citations is not included in the page limit, but it should not exceed two pages.

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