Department of Biochemistry - Proposed Thesis Examiners

This form may be submitted electronically to biochem-gradadmin@uwo.ca
It should be submitted at least 8 weeks before the proposed exam date.

Student Name: _____ Advisor(s): _____

Title of Research: _____

Advisory Committee Members: _____

Proposed Exam Date: _____

List 1: Proposed Departmental Examiners:

No.	Name	Brief Description for Suitability	Department Approval
1			
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List 2: Proposed University Examiners:

No.	Name	Brief Description for Suitability	Department Approval
1			
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List 3: Proposed External Examiners (for PhD thesis examination only):

No.	Name	Brief Description for Suitability	Department Approval
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The proposed examiners should conform to the Procedure for Thesis Examinations and Final Submission set by SGPS (https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/grad_postdoc/thesis_procedures_exam.pdf). The Examiners must not have any conflict of interest with either the candidate or the supervisor(s) and be at arm's length to examine the student and the thesis.

Arm's-Length Requirement for the Examination Board

Arms-Length refers to choosing examiners who are sufficiently distant from the student and the supervisor(s) to impartially assess the thesis artifact, which includes being free from bias and from conflicts of interest in respect of the student, supervisor(s), and thesis artifact.

An examiner must not have been connected with the thesis research, scholarship, and/ or creative activity in a significant way. The examiners should not have been associated with the student, outside of the usual contact in courses or other non-thesis activities within the University, nor be related to the student or supervisor(s).

The external examiner cannot be a co-author or co-investigator in the past six years with the supervisor(s) or student.

Faculty members who have served on a student's comprehensive/candidacy examination committee are eligible to serve as examiners on the student's thesis examination if the other conditions of being arm's length remain unchanged.

Other relationships that are not arms-length include:

- A sexual or otherwise intimate relationship (past or current).
- A spouse or partner (past or current).
- A close family member. (Some examples of close family members may extend beyond blood or marriage for example clan relationships in the Midewiwin Lodge or Long House). Such relationships should preclude involvement on the examination board.
- The involvement of an examiner with the student or supervisor in a professional capacity, such as:
    - a current or former or prospective business partner; or
    - having previous, current, or an agreement for future negotiations relating to employment or publications relating to the thesis.

This list, while not exhaustive, illustrates the nature of potential conflicts to be avoided.

I have reviewed the arm's length requirements and confirm that the proposed examiners for this thesis exam comply with the SGPS regulation, and I do not have any conflict of interest with the internal and external examiners.

Candidate Name: _____ Signature:_____ Date:_____

Supervisor Name: _____ Signature:_____ Date:_____

Co-supervisor Name: _____ Signature:_____ Date:_____

Department Use Only:

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Date Received Date Approved Date Returned to Advisor