



Graduate Outcome Assessment Ph.D. Dissertation Defense Evaluation
Plant Science (PLSC) Graduate Program

Student Name: _____

Date of Evaluation: _____ Advisor: _____

Name of Examination Committee Member: _____

Signature of Examination Committee Member: _____

Evaluation Criteria		Does Not Meet Expectation	Meets Expectation	Exemplary Performance
1) Problem Definition: Research problem is clearly stated and articulated.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) Literature and Previous Research: Demonstrates a thorough knowledge of literature in the area of research and prior research on the specific research topic.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) Impact of Research: Demonstrated the value of the research and how it advances knowledge within the area of study.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4) Research Approach: Sound and appropriate research methods/tools used to solve the research problem and the methods/tools were described effectively.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5) Results: Analyzed and interpreted research results/data effectively and appropriately.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6) Quality of Written and Oral Communication: Research results were clearly communicated both written and orally.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7) Critical Thinking: Demonstrated capability for independent research and expertise in the area of study and ability to make original contributions to the field.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8) Broader Impact: Demonstrated awareness of broader impacts of the research to the field of study.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9) Publications: Journal or conference publications have or will result from this research.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall Rating on Dissertation	Does Not Meet Expectation Does Not Pass Examination	Meets Expectation		Exemplary Performance
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>