

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Attempt at RFE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Research Area:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Advisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Synthesis of Course Material in Research Problem Context:** The student is able to connect his/her research problem to undergrad material from engineering, math, physics, chemistry, biology, etc.

4	3	2	1	0
Agree	Agree with reservations	Neutral	Mostly Disagree	Disagree

Comments:

**B. Input to Research Project:** Student has read and understands the state of the art, has identified a need for original knowledge development, and understands what technical subjects need to be learned.

4	3	2	1	0
Agree	Agree with reservations	Neutral	Mostly Disagree	Disagree

Comments:

**C. Research Conduct and Methodology:** Student has presented a valid research objective, can apply a rigorous research process, and can draw appropriate inferences from analysis or data collection. The student shows indications of appropriate problem solving and technical skills applicable to the research problem presented. The work must clearly be that of the student and not the work of others from the research group.

4	3	2	1	0
Agree	Agree with reservations	Neutral	Mostly Disagree	Disagree

Comments:

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**D. Research Outcomes:** The student is able to draw conclusions from the work where appropriate; the student understands the limitations of what s/he has done so far; and the student provides evidence of being able to think about the next steps that should be taken (independent of where student is in the research process).

4	3	2	1	0
Agree	Agree with reservations	Neutral	Mostly Disagree	Disagree

Comments:

**E. Communication:** Student is an effective oral and written communicator of research concepts.

4	3	2	1	0
Agree	Agree with reservations	Neutral	Mostly Disagree	Disagree

Comments:

**Total Score Out of 20 (Sum All Categories A-E):**

*guideline: a 'typical' pass score is > 14*

**FINAL RESULT (circle your decision):**

Pass

Fail

**FINAL RESULT (circle decision of other examiner):**

Pass

Fail

**Why are you passing or failing the student? *Please add additional comments on next page!***

**Examiner Name:**

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**Examiner Signature:**

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**Other Examiner Name:**

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Student Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments to be shared with the student:

What was the major reason the student didn't pass (to be shared with student) to improve for next time:

**Feedback for advisor and Grad Program (not to be shared with student).**

*Note: If the student is re-taking the exam and recommended to fail, it means the student will be removed from our PhD program. In this case, it is required to answer the following question: "Why are the examiners of the belief that the student will not likely succeed in our PhD program". If the examiners believe that the student will likely succeed in our PhD program, the student should be recommended to pass with reservations listed below.*

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