

## **Original research proposal format: Physical Chemistry**

Written component: Format suggested by the major professor

Oral component: A 25 minute presentation (open to the public) with subsequent questions from a faculty committee (not open to the public).

The purpose of the original research proposal is to provide experience in developing and presenting new ideas for research. The student needs to identify a research goal that is significant and achievable, choose a suitable approach, and describe the major steps and techniques required to reach that goal. A committee, typically the student's mentor committee, evaluates the written proposal and oral presentation. It is important that the chair of the mentor committee and the student's major professor are present for the research proposal.