

**PQE Written Examination
“PhD Research Proposal”**

1. TITLE OF PROJECT

The title should be **no more than 80** characters (including space). The title should be descriptive and specific rather than general.

2. ABSTRACT OF THE PROPOSAL

Please provide a succinct and accurate description of the proposal in no more than 400 words. The abstract must capture: the academic significance of the research, the hypotheses or research questions to be addressed, the approach and feasibility of the study.

3. DETAILS OF RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Give a description of the research in no more than **12 pages (Arial font size 10, single line spacing)**. Information **SHOULD** include background, hypothesis, specific aim(s) of the project, scientific/clinical significance, approach/methodology, results obtained thus far, discussion and future directions. Additional information on innovation/possible applications, exploitation and commercialization can be included, if applicable.

References cited should be provided at the end of the document (e.g. Grondin, B., Lefrancois, M, Tremblay, M. et al. (2007) Mol. Cell Biol. 27, 2919-2933). Information provided should be sufficiently self-contained for an assessment of the proposal without further reference to other materials. Any published reports and submitted manuscript can be attached at the end of the grant proposal.

4. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE (GANTT CHART FORMAT)

The proposed schedule will be used for assessment and evaluation of the project.

A. Project Implementation Schedule	Quarters	Year 1				Year 2				Year 3				Year 4			
	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	

(Note: Year 1 refers to the first year of your candidature; Year 2 refers to second year and so on)

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