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**Proposal/Departmental/M.Sc. defence Assessment Form**

Attach your thesis/proposal and the Graduate Student Progress Report, complete Section 1 *before* your defense.

Complete and return this form to the Earth Sciences Registrar after your defense.

**Section 1: Defense Information**

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| Student Name | E-Mail | Program Start Date |
| Date of Defense | Defense Type  Ph.D. Prop.  Ph.D. Dept.  M.Sc.  M.A.Sc. | |
| Proposal/Thesis Title | | |
| Supervisor | Committee Member 1 | Committee Member 2 |
| External Member 1 (for PhD only) | External Member 2 (for PhD only) | External Member 3 (optional, for PhD only) |

**Section 2: Committee’s Assessment**

*Following the defense, the student will leave the room, and the committee will evaluate the student with respect to the criteria listed below. The chair will consult the examiners, give grades for each criterion, and determine the nature of the subsequent discussion.*

Assessment of the defense and proposal/thesis (poor, fair, good or excellent)

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| Depth of literature knowledge in the chosen area of study |  |
| Breadth of knowledge in Earth Sciences |  |
| Scientific merit of the project |  |
| Novelty of the project and level of innovation in approach |  |
| Likelihood of achieving success in a timely fashion (proposal defense) |  |
| Feasibility of the proposed methodology (proposal defense) |  |
| Completeness of the project (thesis) / Progress to date (proposal defense) |  |
| Laboratory and technical skills |  |
| Presentation and oral communication |  |
| Quality of the written proposal/thesis |  |
| Self-reliance and motivation |  |
| Scientific thinking |  |

*The examining committee, following an appropriate discussion, will vote for a pass or fail. For a PhD Proposal Defense, a majority of four votes is required for pass. Once a decision has been reached, the student will be invited back and informed of the decision.*

* 1. Has the candidate passed the defense? YES  NO
  2. Final letter grade (MSc only)

Oral presentation and defense: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Written paper: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* 1. Recommendations / Suggestions:
  2. If failed, the next date for a second defense: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*The conditions of a fail must be communicated immediately and clearly in writing to the candidate. Candidates who fail are required to repeat the defense within six months; if they fail the second time, they must withdraw from the program.*

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| Supervisor’s Signature | Date |
| Committee Member 1 Signature | Date |
| Committee Member 2 Signature | Date |
| External Member 1 Signature (for PhD only) | Date |
| External Member 2 Signature (for PhD only) | Date |
| External Member 3 Signature (optional, for PhD only) | Date |

**Section 3: Student’s Comments**

This document accurately reflects the discussion and recommendations at this meeting of my defense:

YES  NO

Additional comments:

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| Student’s Signature | Date |