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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
SCHOOL OF NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE AND PROPOSAL
- A request for approval –

The attached **Dissertation Proposal for _____,** which includes the information listed below,* has been approved by the proposed members of the Dissertation Committee. Please approve the Dissertation Proposal and membership of the Committee.

Student UMID _____ Date _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Program Name _____ Program Number _____

Committee Members' Name & Signature	Title	Department	UM ID #
Chair:			
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Member			
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Cognate			
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Required Dissertation Proposal format:

1.Overview (1 page, double-spaced)
- a) overall objective
- b) specific aims/hypotheses

2.Background (2-3 pages)

3.Research Plan & Methodology (4-5 pages)
- a) approach
- b) design
- c) methods and techniques
- d) possible results
- e) limitations and pitfalls

4. Work Schedule

5.Literature Cited

6.Timeline

Date approved by Committee

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO OFFICE OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, ROOM 1520 DANA

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THE DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

Once a student is admitted to candidacy, guidance for the remainder of the student's doctoral program passes to the Dissertation Committee. The membership of the Dissertation Committee is often the same as the Preliminary Examination Committee, but this is not mandatory. The appointment process is initiated by the student and faculty advisor in similar manner as that for the Preliminary Examination Committee. All of the guidelines applicable to the composition of the Preliminary Examination Committee also apply to the Dissertation Committee.

Composition of the Dissertation Committee must meet all of Rackham's requirements for dissertation committees (see Rackham Student Handbook, http://www.rackham.umich.edu/StudentInfo/Publications/GSH/contents.html)

In addition, the Dissertation Committee must meet the following minimum composition:

1. At least four members, two of whom must be from SNRE. (In the case of students in the joint Natural Resources Economics doctoral program, two members must be from SNRE and two members must be from the Department of Economics).

2. A chair or two co-chairs; the chair or one co-chair must be an SNRE faculty member who is a regular member of the Graduate Faculty.

3. A minimum of two SNRE members of the Graduate Faculty (includes adjuncts).

4. A non-SNRE (external or cognate) faculty member who is a regular Graduate Faculty member. At least one member of the Committee must be from outside the student's major area of specialization. The outside member must be a regular Graduate Faculty member who does not hold any fraction of an appointment in SNRE.

Preliminary Examination Committee Chair (if different from the Dissertation Committee Chair).

Signature states that the Preliminary Examination Committee Chair is aware of the Dissertation Committee membership and is no longer responsible for advising the student.

Signature: ____ **Date:**________________

Printed Name:______________________________________

If for any reason the student and/or Dissertation Chair believes that a revision of the Dissertation Committee is in the best interests of the student, a recommendation nominating the new members should be submitted to the Academic Affairs Committee. The recommendation for revision should include a brief explanation of the reasons for the change.