

**Graduate Outcome Assessment
Biochemistry Graduate Program
3. Dissertation Defense Assessment**

Student name: _____ Date: _____

Faculty advisor: _____ Date of entry: _____

Committee members: _____

Dissertation title: _____

Scoring scale:

1 = below expectations 2 = meets expectations 3 = exceeds expectations

Category	Committee Consensus
1. Quality of written dissertation:	
Overall clarity	
Organization	
Clarity and completeness of background summary	
2. Research:	
Significance of the dissertation research for the field	
Originality of the dissertation research	
Ability to formulate research questions	
Ability to design experiments to address those questions	
Ability to interpret data	
Problem solving ability	
3. Defense:	
Organization of oral presentation	
Clarity of oral presentation	
Overall oral communications skills	
Ability to defend research orally	
Knowledge of background material relevant to research project	
Overall breadth of knowledge	

Productivity			
Student:			
Manuscripts:	#	Conferences:	#
Published / in press		Attended	
Submitted		Poster presentations	
In preparation		Oral conference presentations	

List the names of journals in which manuscripts have been published or submitted:
List conferences attended (name, location, date):

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