

Dissertation Prospectus Chair Approval[[1]](#footnote-1)

(Required to Schedule Qualifying Exam)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dissertation Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dissertation Chair: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Research Problem, Theory, and Research Questions:**

1. The prospectus describes a research or social problem that is clearly relevant to Social Work/ Social Welfare.

Strongly agree Agree with some reservations Disagree

1. The prospectus provides a sound overview of the relevant research literature in this area.

Strongly agree Agree with some reservations Disagree

1. The prospectus includes a conceptual framework and/or theoretical orientation relevant to the problem under study.

Strongly agree Agree with some reservations Disagree

1. The research questions are clearly articulated.

Strongly agree Agree with some reservations Disagree

**Methods**

1. Overall, the methods described are clearly linked to the research questions and a well-established epistemological perspective.

Strongly agree Agree with some reservations Disagree

1. The methods are of a sufficient scope and rigor likely to produce original knowledge and the potential of significant scholarly contribution to the field of Social Welfare.

Strongly agree Agree with some reservations Disagree

1. The sampling, measures, data collection approach, and analysis techniques are appropriate to the research questions posed.

Strongly agree Agree with some reservations Disagree

1. The prospectus addresses human subjects concerns and outlines a plan for obtaining CPHS approvals.

Strongly agree Agree with some reservations Disagree

**Timeline**

1. A realistic timeline is described in sufficient detail.

Strongly agree Agree with some reservations Disagree

**Overall assessment and Next Steps**

The dissertation prospectus needs:

Major revision Modest revision Minor revision

Dissertation prospectus is chair approved (subject to concerns raised by other committee members after circulation, chair is comfortable with this prospectus considered final without need for further revisions):

YES NO

Comments:

Dissertation Chair Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Form adapted from University of Washington Ph.D. Program [↑](#footnote-ref-1)