

# PROGRAM IN IMMUNOLOGY

## Preliminary Qualifying Examination Committee Report

**\*\*THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED AND SUBMITTED TO THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE EXAM.\*\***

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Exam Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Dissertation Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ GSAS yr \_\_\_\_\_

### **I. Written Portion of Exam**

Conciseness/ Clarity

*Excellent      Above Average      Satisfactory      Unsatisfactory*

Organization

*Excellent      Above Average      Satisfactory      Unsatisfactory*

Creativity

*Excellent      Above Average      Satisfactory      Unsatisfactory*

Knowledge of Background

*Excellent      Above Average      Satisfactory      Unsatisfactory*

Significance of Question

*Excellent      Above Average      Satisfactory      Unsatisfactory*

### **II. Oral Portion of Exam**

Ability to Apply Knowledge in Answering Questions (abstract thinking):

*Excellent      Above Average      Satisfactory      Unsatisfactory*

Ability to Field Questions

*Excellent      Above Average      Satisfactory      Unsatisfactory*

General Knowledge of the Immune System

*Excellent      Above Average      Satisfactory      Unsatisfactory*

Communication Skills

*Excellent      Above Average      Satisfactory      Unsatisfactory*

**General Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Exam Result:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PASS** \_\_\_\_\_ **CONDITIONAL PASS\*\*** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAIL**

\*\* see guidelines on next page

**\*\*CONDITIONAL PASS:**

An exam grade of Conditional Pass will require that the student meet the specific conditions as set by the Exam Committee. These conditions may include:

1. Rewrite of proposal - a deadline for the submission of the rewritten proposal must be made clear to the student as well as suggestions for improvement.
2. Additional coursework - specific coursework that will address the individual student's deficiencies must be assigned. Coursework must be addressed at the earliest possible opportunity.
3. Additional study - specific articles/journals that will address the individual student's deficiencies must be assigned. Such work must be addressed by the student at the earliest possible opportunity.

Terms of Conditional Pass (include completion date): _____ _____ _____
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**Exam Committee Members:**

Chair	_____
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**\*\*Please return this form TODAY to: Megan Eruzione, Program in Immunology, Modell Center Room 100D 210 Longwood Ave.\*\***

**THE 5-YEAR PLAN**  
***Timeline for DMS Immunology***

**First Year (G1) - Courses and Lab Rotations**

Most or all required courses and lab rotations completed.  
Student meets with academic advisors, Shiv Pillai and Mike Carroll.

**G2 – Lab Declaration**

Dissertation laboratory declared by September.

**G2 – Preliminary Qualifying Examination (PQE)**

Take PQE by March of G2 year.

**G2 - First Dissertation Advisory Committee (DAC) Meeting**

The first DAC takes place within 6 months of the PQE.

**G3 – DAC Meeting – by the end of August of Third Year**

Within 9-12 months after DAC in G2 and no later than the end of third year: Research progress should compel the DAC to confirm in the report that project can plausibly lead to a dissertation.

**G4 – DAC Meeting – by the end of May in Fourth Year**

Within 12 months of DAC in G3:

DAC confirms research direction and/or progress likely leads to dissertation within 18 months.

**G5 – DAC Meeting – by the end of December in Fifth Year**

Or within 6 months or less since the previous DAC:

DAC confirms strong indication of progress towards completion. DAC meets every 6 months until student obtains permission to write dissertation.

**Final DAC Meeting**

Any year, but typically four to five years total enrollment and no more than six to seven:

The DAC decides when sufficient scientific development and data call for writing and completing the dissertation and tells student when to begin writing.