

Appendix I: Example of Advisor's Candidacy Preproposal Assurance Letter

Date _____
Biophysics Graduate Studies Committee

Dear Members of the Biophysics Graduate Studies Committee:

I am the advisor of NAME OF STUDENT who has submitted his/her pre-proposal for acceptance by the examination committee. I understand that the purpose of this exam is to evaluate the creativity, problem solving ability, communication skills, and overall background of the student. I assure the Graduate Studies Committee that at least two thirds of the aims and objectives of the proposal on which the student is working, represent the creative input of the student to the subject of his/her proposed thesis project. This component of the aims extends far beyond specific aims or objectives generated by me or those generated by my laboratory staff and do not represent aims of existing funded or pending projects and they represent the creative contribution of the student toward the project.

Sincerely,

FACULTY NAME and Signature

Students, send one copy to the program administrator at biophysics@osu.edu and keep one copy for yourself.