

Department of Biology

Information for BGEC for approval of a PhD examination board

Please use this template to provide information about a student's proposed PhD examination committee.

- Arrangement of the committee and contact with the examiners (especially the University examiner and External) are to be performed by the supervisor. It is inappropriate for the candidate to arrange the examination committee. BGEC will not approve external examiners for whom the candidate has been the primary point of contact.
- Please see the Biology graduate handbook (http://www.uwo.ca/biology/graduate/current/biology_graduate_handbook.html, section 6B) for information on appropriate committee composition for a PhD examination.
- Please see the SGPS rules and regulations (http://grad.uwo.ca/current_students/regulations/8.html#84) for an extensive discussion of definitions of arm's length and conflict of interest.

Student name:

Title of thesis:

Supervisor(s):

Advisory committee:

Reader:

Program Examiners:

- Only one may be an advisory committee member
- Only one may be adjunct or cross-appointed in Biology

Name:

From Advisory Committee

Name:

Conflicts of interest:

The examiners have not contributed to any of the work included in the thesis.

[Note that program examiners may have other relationships with the supervisor, including co-supervision of students or research collaborations. This is fine, provided none of these activities directly include the candidate].

University Examiner:

- Must have SGPS status in another department in the University
- May be cross-appointed in Biology if neither of the program examiners is adjunct or cross-appointed. May not be joint-appointed in Biology.

Name:

Department:

Link to website or CV:

Conflicts of interest:

The examiner has not contributed to any of the work included in the thesis.

External Examiner:

- Must hold a PhD and have an appropriate research record and standing, and an appropriate academic appointment.
- Must not have an appointment of any sort at Western.

Name:

Department and Institution:

Link to website:

Link to CV or Google Scholar page:

(if not available, please provide a copy of the examiner's CV in .pdf format)

Justification of choice as external:

Conflicts of interest:

The examiner and supervisor(s) have no close personal or familial relationship.

The examiner and supervisor(s) have never had a supervisor-student or supervisor-postdoc relationship.

The examiner and the supervisor(s) (or candidate) have not published together, or held or submitted a grant proposal together in the past ten years, and have no plans to do so in the next year.

The examiner has not been involved in the candidate's research, or in the grant that funded the research.

The examiner and candidate are not planning to enter into a supervisor-postdoc or employer-employee relationship in the next year.

Briefly describe the relationship between the external examiner and the supervisor(s)