

IUB Doctoral Thesis Proposal

Bioinformatics Track of IUB School of Informatics

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A student should make the doctoral thesis proposal within two years after passing the qualifying exam. We recommend the thesis proposal when the student has a solid doctoral thesis topic and achieved a promising preliminary research result towards his/her doctoral thesis. Below are the steps to the successful doctoral thesis proposal:

1. A research committee of at least three Bioinformatics faculty members (including adjunct faculty members) should be formed.
2. The thesis proposal should be a written proposal of about 15 pages (following the NSF grant proposal page limit) and it should be circulated at least two weeks before the thesis proposal presentation exam and approved by all committee members.
3. The date for the thesis proposal is approved and set. The exam date should be coordinated with the School of Informatics graduate office personnel.
4. A one-hour oral presentation of the thesis proposal will be made as a talk that is open to the public.
5. The committee will decide on pass/conditional pass/fail.
6. If decision is "fail", the student will have one more chance for thesis proposal.