PhD Candidacy Assessment - Quick Reference

Exam Components

Report

- A research proposal for your PhD thesis
- Describes your proposed research and summarizes progress to date
- 2,500 5,000 words total (not including references)

Presentation

- A presentation that describes your proposed research and summarizes progress to date
- Open to everyone, but the primary audience is your examining committee
- 25 30 min

Question Period

- Two rounds of questions
- Questions typically relate to your proposed work and/or chemistry fundamentals
- Approx. 60 120 min

Timelines

Plan and Prepare

- Discuss project with your supervisor
- Schedule exam

Write Report

 Report is due 2 weeks before the candidacy assessment

Presentation and Questions

Finish the exam

PhD students must complete the candidacy assessment **within 24 months** of starting their graduate program.

 $MSc \rightarrow PhD$ transfers should complete the candidacy assessment **within 36 months** of starting their graduate program.