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Physics – Planetary Sciences Track Dissertation Proposal Form

Dissertation Proposal Date:

As per the Planetary Sciences Track Graduate Handbook, section 3.4: “The Dissertation Proposal may be presented immediately after passing Candidacy Exam or in a separate meeting not more than one semester thereafter. It is presented to the Dissertation Committee; all members must be present. The Dissertation Proposal is not formally an examination in the Planetary Sciences Track. The Committee may direct any form of presentation it desires and may question the student. Before substantial work is done on the dissertation, the Dissertation Committee must approve the proposal and must also assess whether additional coursework is necessary to begin the dissertation. Such coursework should be completed at the earliest opportunity. The Dissertation Proposal should be approximately 15 pages and shall contain the following:

- A title.
- The student’s name and degree.
- An abstract.
- A listing of the Supervisory Committee identifying the advisor, chair (generally the same person as the advisor, unless the advisor is external to UCF), and external member (by affiliation).
- The scientific background of the proposed work. This should include work already done by the student prior to candidacy.
- A listing of science questions to be addressed.
- A statement of scientific objectives.
- A dissertation outline that includes a list of chapters along with a brief summary of the chapter contents and the status of the work that will be included in that chapter (e.g., complete, in progress, TBD).
- A work plan that includes methods, data or computational requirements, schedule, and proposed defense date.
- List of the candidate’s relevant publications and scientific presentations.
- Cited references.”

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Committee Chair Name: Signature:

Member 2 Name: Signature:

Member 3 Name: Signature:

Member 4 Name: Signature:

Outcome/Committee comments:

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Graduate Program Director signature: _____

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