STAP QUALIFYING EXAM PROCESS

The oral qualifying examination conducted by the Qualifying Committee in accordance with the regulations set forth in the UC Riverside Graduate Student Handbook. Five committee members are nominated which most are affiliated with the program and should normally be voting members of the UC Academic Senate. The committee is comprised of five members, a majority of whom are affiliated with the program. One member of the committee is designated as the "Outside Member" not holding an appointment in the student's graduate program that will ensure fairness as 'third party'. The outside member's field may be unrelated to the student's field of study and other committee members. Exceptions must be supported by a memo of justification from the Graduate Advisor.

The Committee will consist of:

- 1. Chairperson (PI)
- 2. Three members
- 3. Outside Member (not from the Statistics Program)

Vital:	The Committee reads and evaluates the research proposal and conducts the examination.
Expectations:	The student is expected to articulate and defend the research proposal as well as answer general knowledge questions.
Graduate Division Resources:	General Requirements and the Qualifying Exam Committee

Presentation	
Duration: ~2-3 hours	Oral exams typically last ~2-3 hours, consisting of a short (20-30 minutes) presentation of the research proposal by the student, followed by a question and answer period.
Attempts:	No more than two attempts to pass the oral examination will be allowed.



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Provide your research proposal Margarita will email the to all members of the student and committee qualifying exam committee chair Form 3 and the Consult with your chair to inquire instructions for the Oral how far in advance. exam. Log into R'Web, select R' Grad and submit a Nomination for Graduate Division will email **Oral Qualifying Exam Committee Take your Oral Exam** you regarding the (online Form 2) nomination of your At least 4 weeks prior **Qualifying Committee** Return Form 3 back to **Complete the Review your Degree** Margarita Audit in R'Web **STAP Oral Exam Notify Margarita of** Make sure all the **Request Form** any discrepancies committee members (Wufoo Form) have signed At least 4 weeks prior

