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Reviewer: _____

GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATION OF DISSERTATION PROSPECTUS

Statement of the Research Problem and Major Questions

1. The prospectus describes a research problem that is clearly relevant to the field of Social Welfare.

Strongly agree

Agree with some reservations

Disagree or have serious reservations

Comments:

2. The prospectus provides a scholarly review of the state of theory and knowledge relevant to the research problem identified.

Strongly agree

Agree with some reservations

Disagree or have serious reservations

Comments:

3. Research questions are clearly articulated and logically derived from the state of theory and knowledge relevant to the problem.

Strongly agree

Agree with some reservations

Disagree or have serious reservations

Comments:

Methodology

1. Overall, the methods described are clearly linked to both the major research questions and a well established epistemological perspective.

Strongly agree

Agree with some reservations

Disagree or have serious reservations

Comments:

2. The proposed methodology is of sufficient scope and rigor to produce original knowledge and the potential of significant scholarly contribution to the field of Social Welfare

Strongly agree

Agree with some reservations

Disagree or have serious reservations

Comments:

3. The sampling methods, measures, data collection, and data analysis techniques described are appropriate to the questions and the overall epistemological approach.

Strongly agree

Agree with some reservations

Disagree or have serious reservations

Comments:

4. The sources of risk to human subjects are clearly identified, as well as the methods to be used to ensure the participants are protected from harm and abrogation of basic rights.

Strongly agree

Agree with some reservations

Disagree or have serious reservations

NA, no involvement of human subjects

Comments:

Timeline and Resource Considerations

1. A realistic timeline is described in sufficient detail.

Strongly agree

Agree with some reservations

Disagree or have serious reservations

Comments:

2. The resources required at each phase are sufficiently inclusive and appear reasonably obtainable.

Strongly agree

Agree with some reservations

Disagree or have serious reservations

Comments:

Student Comments on evaluations:

Plan for revisions needed in response to evaluations (to be completed by student and chair together):

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Chair Signature _____ Date _____

Reviewer Signature _____ Date _____