

Feedback Form for Committee Presentations / Preliminary Exam
Graduate Program in Astronomy, U. of Illinois

Student:

Evaluator:

Date:

1. **Background:**

- a. Were the motivations for the research well-explained?

- b. Is the proposed topic timely and of sufficient general interest?

2. **Methods:**

- a. Are the proposed research methods appropriate?

- b. Does the student have access to the necessary data, codes, and/or expertise to conduct the research?

3. **Plan:**

- a. Are the objectives of the project realistic given the time constraints?

- b. Have appropriate milestones been identified?

- c. Is there sufficient flexibility built into the project in case unforeseen obstacles arise?

4. **Progress:**

a. What is the current status of the student's work? (e.g., literature review, conducting data analysis, revising paper)

b. Has sufficient progress been made since the last annual meeting (if applicable)?

5. Suggestions for the student and/or advisor:

6. **Examination Questions** (Prelim only):

At the Prelim, the student must display an expert level understanding of the theoretical and observational context of the project, and should be comfortable estimating relevant physical parameters from basic principles. Please record below one or two questions that you posed to the student and your evaluation of the student's response.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE CHAIR WITHIN 1 WEEK OF THE MEETING.