PhD Qualifier

Every department at all universities have them
  • All systems are bad, some are just less bad than others
  • Our current system was initiated last year

Here its more of a process than an exam.

Rules: Gain 6 points among 3 areas (3 points max for each)
  • GPA
  • Research accomplishment
  • Qualifier exam

Rationale: Get people started on research early, less emphasis on preparing for some exam

Risk: Not a clear termination point

Questions and comments?
Why Write a Grant Proposal?

To the Government:
• “Classic” technical research proposal
• Equipment or programmatic support
• Consulting or procurement contract for industry
• Charitable/community organization support

To Industry:
• “Classic” technical research proposal
• Equipment donation
• Charitable/community organization sponsorship

Foundation
• Highly targeted research
• Programmatic support
• Charitable/community organization support

Internal Proposal
• Technical research
How Proposals are Reviewed

Who does it depends on the funder
- Foundation: Board of directors
- Industry: Employees
- Some federal agencies: Agency employees or professional “handlers”
- “Classic” proposal solicitation with lots of external “peer” reviewers

Many of the same issues in place as with paper reviews
- Too big a pile, too short a time
- Obey format requirements!!!!!
- Make life easy for reviewers, don’t become a target
- They might not be technical experts