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To be completed by the Student:
*Your responses should be typed. Wherever necessary, please feel free to exceed the space provided under each section.

Student’s name:

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Attach a summary of the most significant findings of your research. Include 1-2 key figures (no more than two pages, including the figures).
To be completed by the **Committee Chair:**

Successfully defending a thesis requires that the student has obtained sufficient data to make a **significant contribution to a research paper** that will be published in a peer-reviewed journal. Such contribution could consist of one or more of the following:

1. The student produces at least one figure or a table that could be included in a peer-reviewed research paper.

2. The student's work lays a significant foundation for further research (for example, the student conducted a genetic screen).

3. The student develops a new technique or improves an existing method, producing a significant, applicable technical advance.

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   2. Please verify that sufficient amount of data has been obtained by the student to defend a Master’s thesis:

**Committee Chair’s Signature:______________________________ Date:_______**

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