**COMPREHENSIVE EXAM**

**please complete all 4 sections. These can be “cut and Paste” from your topic approval form (with an expanded description of your thesis work) or you may modify them now that you have written your proposal. *This document must be submitted to the PALM office along with your proposal*. This information is needed for the specific use of your external examiners who may not be aware of your thesis work and how it differs from the comprehensive proposal. Remember to use language suitable for a science audience not trained in the specific field**

**Section A (to be completed by student)**

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☐STEP (Strategic Translation and Extension of Project) A topic that is either a future-cast project, or a side-line project, that addresses an original hypothesis that builds on the student’s current proposal.

☐LEAP (Lateral Exploration of Alternate Project) A topic outside the immediate thesis topic that addresses an original hypothesis distinct from the student’s thesis topic. This option is similar to the comprehensive exam format in place prior to 2024.

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| List **similarities** between thesis and comprehensive proposal  (Use bullets to ensure clarity; **75** words maximum) |
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