

**DEPARTMENT OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE
HARVARD UNIVERSITY
APPLICATION FOR
THE GENERAL EXAMINATION FOR THE PH.D. DEGREE**

Name: _____ **Advisor:** _____

ID#: _____

Fields for the General Examination:

(1) _____

Examiner: _____

(2) _____

Examiner: _____

(3) _____

Examiner: _____

Prospective Dissertation Topic (if known):

To be completed by Department:

The Department will schedule the General Examination once the student has resolved outstanding incompletes and has met or is in the process of meeting course, paper and language requirements.

Approved by Director of Graduate Studies: _____ **Date:** _____

Date Approved by Department: _____

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GENERAL EXAMINATION FIELDS

History of Science

The General Examination will ordinarily comprise three fields. One field must be in the history of science; one must be in an external field; and the third will ordinarily be in the history of science.

History of Science department general fields should meet the following criteria:

- (1) The history of a recognized scientific or technological discipline (e.g., astronomy, chemistry, geology, mathematics, physics, medicine, psychiatry, psychology, etc.) during an interval covering **at least** two recognized historical periods (e.g., the history of physics from Aristotle to Newton, the history of biology from the Renaissance to Darwin).
- (2) **And either**
 - A. Selected topics in the history of science
 - or*
 - B. The history of the relations of science and, for example, society, technology, religion, philosophy in any period (of substantial length) from antiquity to the present *or* in a geographic area or nation (e.g., Near East, Middle East, Africa, South Asia, East Asia, China, etc.)

A third required field outside the history of science must be chosen in accordance with the appropriate department or program's requirements for General Examination.