**Department of Entomology, College of Bioresources and Agriculture**

**National Taiwan University**

**Regulations for the Ph.D. Candidate Qualifying Examination**

Article 1 These regulations are established in accordance with the "National Taiwan University Directives Governing Implementation of Ph.D. Candidate Qualifying Examination" issued by the Office of Academic Affairs of National Taiwan University (hereinafter referred to as “the University”).

Article 2 The Ph.D. Candidate Qualifying Examination in the Department of Entomology (hereinafter referred to as “the Department”) shall be conducted in two stages: a progress report and a written examination. The examination is held once every semester. Doctoral students must pass the first stage (Progress Report) within two years of enrollment and the second stage (Written Examination) within three years.

Article 3 Application deadline for the Ph.D. Candidate Qualifying Examination: within one month from the beginning of the semester as announced in the University academic calendar.

Article 4 Regulations for the first stage: Progress Report

Doctoral students may apply for the Progress Report after enrollment. The Progress Report shall be conducted within one week before the end of classes in the same semester. Three oral examination committee members (excluding the advisor) will be appointed by the Departmental Affairs Meeting. If the student fails the first Progress Report, they must pass it within two years of enrollment; otherwise, they will be dismissed from the program.

Article 5 Regulations for the second stage: Written Examination

After passing the first-stage Progress Report and with the consent of the advisor and advisory committee, doctoral students may apply for the second-stage Written Examination. The Written Examination will be held once within one week before midterm exams in the same semester. If the student fails, a re-exam will be held within one week before final exams in the same semester. Two subjects will be selected by the advisor in consultation with the advisory committee and approved by the Departmental Affairs Meeting. Each subject will be jointly provided and graded by two examiners, with at least one being from outside the University. The passing grade for each subject is an average of 70. Students who fail may apply for one retake of only the failed subject(s). The retake will be conducted by the original examiner plus an additional external examiner. If the student fails the retake, the advisory committee will designate make-up courses, which must be completed with a grade of 80 or above within one year. Failure to meet this requirement will result in dismissal from the program.

Article 6 Once a doctoral student has passed the Ph.D. Candidate Qualifying Examination, the Written Examination grades shall be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs for record.

Article 7 A doctoral student who meets the following requirements shall be recognized as a Ph.D. Candidate:

1. Completion of required doctoral coursework.

2. Passing both stages of the Ph.D. Candidate Qualifying Examination.

Article 8 After passing the Ph.D. Candidate Qualifying Examination, the student must give a public presentation hosted by the Department and have paper publication before the thesis defense. At least one research paper must be published in an SCI or SSCI journal (or a journal listed in the University's list of First-class high-quality journals from related departments), or accepted for publication with proof.

Article 9 An advisory committee shall be composed of three to five doctoral-level experts or scholars, convened by the advisor. The primary advisor must be a full-time faculty member of the Department. Co-advisors may be full-time, part-time, or visiting faculty of the University. If there is more than one advisor, all must sign their consent before the student can apply for the qualification examination.

Article 10 These regulations shall be implemented after approval by the Departmental Affairs Meeting and submission to the Office of Academic Affairs for record. The same procedure shall apply to any amendments.