Qualifying Exams and Admission to Candidacy

Most Bioinformatics doctoral students will complete the following qualifying procedure:

Combine the written and oral components into a single exam. The written part will be a research proposal, based on the student's own PhD research, in the form of an NIH R01 grant. This proposal will be submitted to the student's committee two weeks before the scheduled oral exam. The oral exam will consist of a presentation and defense of the written proposal (i.e. the PhD research plan).