Alternative Residency Plan Form

The Boise State graduate catalog requires PhD students to fulfill a one-year full-time residency. Students wishing to fulfill their residency requirement via an Alternative Residency Plan (ARP) must complete this form and submit it with the Application for Advancement to Candidacy (AAC) form following the successful defense of their dissertation proposal.

The graduate college recommends that alternative residency plans should meet the following four goals:

1. **Disciplinary depth and breadth**
   - Access to a wide variety of classes and academic experiences in the student’s field and in related disciplines.
   - Access to library, information technology, and laboratory resources.
   - Quality and rigor of the program through involvement with and scrutiny by peers in other disciplines.

2. **Scholarly immersion**
   - Development of the student’s capacity to make significant original contributions to knowledge in a context of freedom of inquiry and expression (e.g., individual and group research training, assisting with developing applications for external funding, participation at scholarly conferences, publications or other forms of scholarly dissemination).
   - Ability to understand and critically evaluate the literature of the field and to apply appropriate principles and procedures to the recognition, evaluation, interpretation and understanding of issues and problems at the frontiers of knowledge.

3. **Professional socialization**
   - Substantial interaction with a large pool of faculty to obtain scholarly and disciplinary advice, perspective, and guidance.
   - Interaction with fellow graduate students on professional issues.
   - Provision of a broad range of professional development experiences to guard against over-specialization.
   - Access to a wide spectrum of seminars, professional presentations, and contact with leaders in their own discipline as well as others.

4. **Professional practice**
   - Awareness of and commitment to the ethical and regulatory principles and practices appropriate to the field.

Using the form below, list the activities you have undertaken during your time in the PhD program in PPA at Boise State, including their dates, a brief description of the activity, and how it fulfills one or more of the four goals above.

The form below should be filled out electronically—feel free to provide as much information as is necessary to demonstrate that you have filled the ARP goals.
Application for Alternative Residency Plan  
PhD Program, Public Policy and Administration

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