

## Proof-of-concept

- Whether for a traditional discipline or an interdisciplinary degree, must have clear, concise focus within that – what is the niche?
- Master degree must have some professionalizing aspect that addresses job market for graduates
- Doctoral degree
  - If program wants to admit directly into doctoral program, must have bachelor degree in that discipline to admit into doctoral program, then expectation that pre-doctoral/pre-ABD work provides graduate-level curriculum that builds on that discipline (e.g., admission to PhD program in biology requires a bachelor degree in biology, or acknowledged subdiscipline in biology).
  - If program wants to admit with bachelor degree outside discipline, then can only be a post-master doctoral degree program, in which case can only admit with master degree in a traditional discipline to ensure adequate graduate-level foundation relative to job market, and master degree admission must relate to proposed doctoral program
- Must have sufficient faculty with doctorates and expertise in program discipline and focal concentration
- Must have sufficient faculty for adequate FTE dedicated to the program (FTE cannot be double counted)
- Must have preliminary market-analysis (e.g., convincing enrollment projections and job placement projections, taking into account national analyses and trends)
- Must have sufficient rationale for why new program makes sense for New York State (note: one-of-a-kind is not adequate reason)
- Must have written approvals of all required “pre-proposal approval to request” for any new resources or re-allocation of current resources – see Campus Internal Worksheet
- Must provide outline of curriculum (e.g., courses, exam structure, time-to-degree)

Note: The proposing unit is entirely responsible for providing the analyses, preparing the materials, following the formats precisely, and meeting all of the requirements in a timely way.