Satisfying RPC

• All PhD students are required to satisfy **RPC** by the end of the summer that follows the completion of their first 2 semesters (fall/spring).

• They can do this by passing a **1.5-hour oral examination**, scheduled by the department in the early part of the summer, in which **3 ECE faculty members** assess the research abilities of the student. The assessment is carried out in the context of a recent research article and its background from the field of the student’s intended PhD research.

• Students who do not pass the oral examination on their first attempt are allowed one additional attempt later that same summer.
What Should RPC Report Show?

• You have a solid technical understanding of the journal article, including its background (particularly as related to your selected specialization course).

• You have an appreciation of the open problems in the area to which the journal article belongs.

• You can produce an original and well-written report that succinctly gets across the points you want to make. It must include an appropriate bibliography with appropriate citations made whenever pertinent.
How many pages? Font Size? Figures?

- At most **10 pages**; bibliography may be additional. Submit pdf.
- At least **11 point** font size.
- Write as if for submission to a prestigious journal or international conference. **Avoid Plagiarism!**
- Include some **original figures** if possible.
- Include **relevant figures/tables from article** under review with some notation indicating they are reproduced from article. If you were actually submitting to a journal or conference you would have to obtain permission from article authors.