



Thesis Proposal Approval Form

Student's Name: _____

Advisor's(s') Name(s) _____

Date(s) of Proposal Review _____

Proposal Title _____

Ph.D. Thesis Committee Report

The Thesis Committee must inform the student and the program office of any recommendations or requirements placed on the student in the course of the thesis proposal review process. Signature below indicates that the Ph.D. Thesis Proposal and all requirements placed as part of its review have been completed to the satisfaction of the signing committee member. The student is responsible for returning the signed Approval form to the program office.

Date final signature was obtained _____

Name	Department	Signature
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Additional Committee Members to the Required Committee Membership:

(_____) _____

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* The Thesis Proposal Review requirement and Ph. D. Committee Membership requirements are summarized on page 2 of this form. Students should provide this information to the committee members in advance of the proposal review process.

Ph.D. Thesis Committee

Ph.D. students should form their Ph.D. Thesis Committee in consultation with their major professor(s). This committee is composed of five faculty members who have expertise that is relevant to the student's thesis research. Four must be members of the Materials Science Advisory Committee. The student's major professor is one of the members. The group of five faculty must include at least one member having a tenure-home appointment in an academic department different than that of the other members. Students may invite additional faculty members to join the Ph.D. Thesis Committee. The make-up of the student's Ph.D. Thesis Committee must be on file in the Materials Science Office by the end of the first semester after award of the Master of Science Degree. The student is responsible for confirmation that all members are willing to participate. Any questions or concerns about the make-up should be addressed to the Associate Director of the Program.

The Ph.D. Thesis Committee members are available to assist the student on aspects of their research and responsible to evaluate the student's thesis proposal, thesis proper and the oral defense of the thesis. Students are strongly encouraged to make use of this resource.

Thesis Proposal and Proposal Review

Students who have completed the requirements for the Master of Science degree must prepare the thesis proposal and seek approval thereof from their Ph.D. Thesis Committee as the next formal step toward the Ph.D. degree. The thesis proposal should have a format typically required by federal granting agencies that support work in the student's field of research. It must not exceed 30 pages double-spaced or 15 pages single-spaced, including figures, but exclusive of references and title page. The thesis proposal must be approved by the student's Ph.D. Thesis Committee and approval must be reported to the Program Office before the student can apply for dissertator status. The Ph.D. Thesis Committee will determine the format by which approval is granted. The committee members might review the proposal as is typically done in evaluating research grants, and a single meeting might be scheduled for feedback and suggested revisions. Formal approval will require the signature of every member of the committee. Students may apply for dissertator status any time after formal approval of the thesis proposal is reported to the Program Office.