

## Thesis Proposal Approval Form\*



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URI ID	<input type="text"/>	Department	<input type="text"/>
Preferred E-mail	<input type="text"/>	Program	<input type="text"/>
Student Phone #	<input type="text"/>	Specialization (if applicable)	<input type="text"/>

Title of Proposed Thesis  
(100-character maximum)

**\*Student: ONCE COMPLETED, THIS FORM MUST BE PRINTED AND SUBMITTED ALONG WITH 3 HARD COPIES OF THE PROPOSAL TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL.** Please fill in the names and e-mail addresses of your program committee members below. Please note that this information must match that on the previously approved form establishing your program committee. Save the form in the following format, URIID\_Lastname\_firstname\_MAF.pdf (ex: 1002xxx34\_Smith\_John\_MAF.pdf).

Major Professor	<input type="text"/>	E-mail	<input type="text"/>
Co-major Professor (if applicable)	<input type="text"/>	E-mail	<input type="text"/>
Inside Committee Member	<input type="text"/>	E-mail	<input type="text"/>
Outside Committee Member	<input type="text"/>	E-mail:	<input type="text"/>
Additional Committee Member (if applicable)	<input type="text"/>	E-mail:	<input type="text"/>
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**\*Student:** Please provide the name and e-mail address of the Department Chair or Graduate Director that will approve this form before submitting to The Graduate School. Then electronically sign and forward to your Major Professor. Once this form contains all signatures except for that of the Graduate School, **PRINT THIS FORM AND SUBMIT IT TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL ALONG WITH 3 HARD COPIES OF YOUR THESIS PROPOSAL**

Department Chair / Graduate Director  E-mail:

1. Student Signature

2. Major Prof. Dept.  Major Professor Signature

(if applicable) sign the form, save and send as an attachment to Co-major Professor  At

3. Co-Major Professor Dept.  Co-Major Professor Signature

After all major professors have signed the form, the form is to be saved and sent as an attachment to Inside Member  At

4. Inside Member Dept.  Inside Member Signature

Sign the form, save and send as an attachment to Outside Member

At

5. Outside Member Dept.

Outside Member Signature

(if applicable) sign the form, save and send as an attachment to Additional Member

At

Otherwise, sign the form, save and send as an attachment to the student

6. Additional Member Dept.

Additional Member Signature

(if applicable) sign the form, save and send as an attachment to Additional Member

At

7. Additional Member Dept.

Additional Member Signature

**After all additional members have signed the form, the form is to be saved and sent as an attachment to the student**

**Student:** See appendices D or E in the Graduate School Manual (GSM) and the [Research Integrity Website](#) for further instructions, and Section 7.44.35 of the GSM for further explanation. Send to the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) as an email attachment to [researchintegrity@ds.uri.edu](mailto:researchintegrity@ds.uri.edu) for RCR/IRB/IACUC signatures. Once received back from ORI with appropriate signature(s), send to the Dept. Chair/Grad. Director for signature.

**Office of Research Integrity Certification  
Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)**

RCR training is required by all students completing a research thesis and matriculating in **FALL 2014 or after**, or require RCR training based on research funding from NSF, USDA or NIH. There are three methods for RCR Completion: attending a URI course that satisfies the RCR requirement, completing the online CITI Certification Program, or attending a minimum of three (3) Research Integrity Discussion Sessions. **"Method or RCR Completion" field must be completed by all students. RCR signature approval must also be obtained by all students required to complete RCR training.**

Method of RCR Completion:

RCR Signature

**Institutional Review Board (IRB) / Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)**

**Student:** Does the proposed research involve human subjects (including the use of questionnaires for data collection) or live non-human vertebrates? Check appropriate box:  No  Yes

If "yes", see appendices D or E in the Graduate School Manual for further instructions, and complete the rest of this section. Send to ORI for signature as an attachment to [researchintegrity@ds.uri.edu](mailto:researchintegrity@ds.uri.edu). Once received back from ORI, send to the Dept. Chair/Grad. Director for signature. If "no", send as an attachment to the Dept. Chair/Grad. Director as indicated in the section below.

Human Subjects (IRB)

Approval (HU) Number

IRB Signature

Live non-human vertebrates (IACUC)

Approval (AN) Number

IACUC Signature

**Department Chair/Graduate Director**

To submit the form to the Graduate School you should save the file and send it to [gradforms@etal.uri.edu](mailto:gradforms@etal.uri.edu) as an attachment and **copy-in (cc:) the student**. Please set the subject line of the e-mail to PAF. The form must be submitted for approval by the Department Chair/ Graduate Director. Someone other than the person who signed box 2 must provide the Signature in box 8.

8. Department Chair/ Graduate Director

**Student:** Once received back from Dept. Chair/Grad Director, **PRINT AND SUBMIT WITH 3 HARD COPIES OF YOUR THESIS PROPOSAL TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAN'S FINAL APPROVAL.**

**Graduate School Use Only**

Approved

Not Approved

Graduate School Signature

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