

Graduate PhD Thesis Proposal Application

Name: _____ Today's date: _____

I request approval of the attached thesis topic:

Title: _____

Planned Proposal Date: _____ Time: _____

Preferred room: _____ Alternate room: _____

Thesis Advisor: _____
Name Signature

Committee Member: _____
Name Signature

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Name Signature

Approved by
Graduate Advisor: _____
Name Signature

PhD Thesis Proposal Instructions:

Submission of this form officially notifies the Department of Physics & Astronomy of the student's intent to attempt the *Thesis Research Proposal* as the last requirement before the student may advance to PhD candidacy. This form is to be completed and submitted to the Physics & Astronomy Department office no later than the last business day before April 15 in the spring term of the student's third year (or the student's second year if the student entered the graduate program with a master degree). **A one-page description or abstract of the intended research must be attached.** The student must then deliver the thesis proposal paper (length: 10-15 pages) to his/her committee **at least five business days** prior to the thesis proposal presentation date. The faculty will also be notified of the proposal presentation **at least five business days** prior to the thesis proposal presentation date. The examination must be attempted by **May 15** and must consist of a seminar-style technical presentation (~45 minutes in length) that is open to all faculty, postdoctoral research associates, as well as a subset of graduate students invited by the advisor. Following open questions, the audience apart from the committee will be excused and the examination will continue. The thesis committee will examine the student to determine his/her preparation and planning for research, knowledge of the field, as well as general physics or astronomy knowledge. Two weeks after the proposal a cover sheet signed by the committee members is due in the Department Office along with a copy of the proposal. If any deadlines are missed, the student must petition the Graduate Committee in order to remain in good standing.

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List at least one possible external committee member, if none is already on the committee:

I passed the departmental Qualifying Examination: _____ (date)

I have completed the following graduate core courses (list course number, term, and grade):

I have completed the following terms of Supervised Undergraduate Teaching:

I have completed the following additional courses carrying graduate credit:

I plan to complete the following courses needed to fulfill the requirements of the PhD:

I have (co-)authored the following research article(s) or preprint(s):

Student: _____

Name

Signature