



**SUNY ESF |The Graduate School**  
**Thesis or Dissertation Proposal Approval Form**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Department:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree Level:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Entry Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MS Thesis or PhD Dissertation Proposal Policy:**

All students participating in a Master of Science or Doctor of Philosophy degree program must complete a thesis or dissertation proposal for approval by the members of the student's steering committee. The major professor and each of the graduate steering committee members must approve the proposal using the Graduate School's proposal approval form. MS thesis proposals should generally be completed two semesters prior to defense of the thesis; PhD dissertation proposals must be completed to achieve candidacy (in concert or in parallel with the candidacy examination process). Each Department/Program may have requirements that exceed those specified broadly in this policy; however, they must be consistent with the Graduate School's requirements. Departmental requirements beyond the minimum stated here must be specified in writing and submitted to the Graduate School as well as listed in departmental web pages. It is the responsibility of the student to be aware of, and comply with, all Graduate School and Departmental dissertation proposal requirements.

By signing this form, all parties agree that the requirement for submitting a research proposal has been satisfied. Future amendments do not need official approval through the Graduate School.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Major Professor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-Major Professor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(if applicable)*

**Steering Committee Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Steering Committee Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed form to the Graduate School, 227 Bray Hall