



Approval Form | Thesis, Professional Report, Master's Design Study

Student Name _____

UT EID _____

Graduate Program _____

Project Title _____

Supervising Instructor _____

Second Reader _____

Course Registration _____

Semester and Year _____

_____ Attach a letter or email of support from your supervising instructor (excluding CRP students). This must be included or the proposal will be returned.

_____ Attach **a single pdf** with sufficient written material to address:
+ **The research question: In one carefully worded sentence, state the research question or design problem you will investigate.** A paragraph or two that clarifies the limits and/or structure of the proposed investigated may follow the question.
+ Previous research on the topic: Provide a brief and general describing of the competing theories by other authors and/or designers that will inform your research. Identify your own assumptions and position in relation to this literature.
+ Methodology: Briefly describe the methods you will use to collect and interpret data.
+ Anticipated findings: In what form will your findings or design project be presented? If you begin the investigation with a tentative hypothesis to be either supported or disproved, state this clearly.
+ Bibliography: Provide an annotated bibliography using the Chicago style citation format. List only those references you intend to cite.
+ Schedule: Provide a schedule delineating meetings with your supervisor and completion dates of required deliverables.

_____ Submit to the Graduate Coordinator via email your completed approval form, letter or email of support, and proposal in a single pdf. **Hard copies will not be accepted and will be returned.**

Student _____ Date: _____

Supervising Instructor _____ Date: _____

Thesis/PR/MDS Second Reader _____ Date: _____

Chair of Graduate Studies Committee _____ Date: _____

Graduate Adviser _____ Date: _____