

# MIT Department of Physics

Graduate Program

## **RESEARCH CO-SUPERVISION FORM (For Supervisors who are NOT MIT Physics Faculty Members) 2007-2008**

Students who desire supervision from a source other than an MIT Physics Faculty member (i.e., other MIT departments, other Universities, Senior Research Scientists with appointments in labs/centers, etc.) require a co-supervisor from within the MIT Department of Physics.

**Supervisors outside of the Department should be aware that the cost of an MIT Physics Student may differ from students at other institutions and/or other departments within MIT.** Supervisors who hire MIT Physics students are required to fund tuition and a stipend of \$27,000/year for the 2007-2008 academic year. Further, supervisors will agree to provide any increases for each year thereafter that are commensurate with the MIT Department of Physics levels.

The Department of Physics strongly urges students and supervisors to review the policies contained in the “GUIDELINES FOR PHYSICS DOCTORAL CANDIDATES”. These policies are available online at <http://web.mit.edu/physics/graduate/current/curdocguide.html>. It is the expectation of the Department that these guidelines are adhered to by current Physics Graduate Students and their supervisors. If there are any major objections to the policies, particularly those listed under the sub-headings “Satisfactory Progress” and “Research”, the student and potential research supervisor should discuss them before this form is signed. Before agreeing on a final action, students should be aware that outside supervisors are not formally bound by these policies. Conversely, supervisors are urged to provide strict adherence to ensure fair and consistent treatment of all MIT Physics Graduate Students.

Before funding is credited to a student’s account, a co-supervisor must be identified within the department of Physics. The co-supervisor will maintain close contact with the research as it progresses and must ultimately co-sign the thesis. The Part III Oral exam will be administered in the co-supervisor’s sub-field of physics and the co-supervisor will retain the role of “supervisor” for the purpose of this exam. It is the Department’s expectation that the student and co-supervisor will retain contact throughout the student’s tenure with the non-physics supervisor.

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**All signers below have read and understand the contents of Page 1 of this form.**

(Please Print or Type)

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

**New Research Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of New Supervisor

**New Co-Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Co-Supervisor

**Effective Date of New Funding:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Please submit this form to Academic Programs (4-315) at least one month prior to the effective date of change.
- All account numbers from the new source of funding should be sent by the Supervisor to the Physics Fiscal Office (4-304 or to jcarota@mit.edu) as soon as possible to ensure continuous payments.