

MIT Department of Physics

Graduate Program

GRADUATE Ph.D. THESIS PROPOSAL FORM

Name: _____ Date: _____

I request approval of the attached thesis topic, which is submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Ph.D. degree in Physics.

Proposed Thesis Title:

Student's Signature

E-mail Address

Thesis Supervisor's Name (please print)

Signature

Co-Supervisor's Name (if applicable; please print)

Signature

Selected Reader's Name (please print)

Signature

Approved By: (To be completed upon submission)

Professor Thomas Greytak, Graduate Student Coordinator Assigned Reader

How the Process Works

This form is due into Academic Programs, 4-352, by the end of the second week of classes in the first term of the student's fourth year. It requires the proposed thesis title and the names and signatures of the research supervisor, co-supervisor (if applicable), and student-selected reader. Upon submission of this form, the Graduate Student Coordinator will assign an additional reader from the physics faculty, who is not in the same research area. The student will then need to convene an initial Thesis Committee Meeting no later than four weeks before the last day of classes (November 16th or April 20th). At that meeting the student will make an oral presentation to the thesis committee of a detailed proposal for research, which is expected to become the student's Ph.D. thesis. After that meeting, and based on the discussion that took place, the student will develop a written proposal which should consist of a one or two page description of the thesis topic. This written proposal should be signed by the Research Supervisor and is due in Academic Programs on the last day of classes in the applicable term. Future changes in title, scope, supervisor(s), or readers may be made with written approval of the Graduate Student Coordinator.