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Department of Physics and Astronomy

GRADUATE PHD THESIS PROPOSAL APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date: _____

I request approval of the attached thesis topic:

Title: _____

Planned Proposal Date: _____

Thesis Advisor: _____
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Committee Member: _____
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Graduate Chair: _____
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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 working day before April 15 in the spring quarter of the student's third year (or the student's second year if the student entered the graduate program with a masters degree). **The attached thesis topic must be a one-page description or abstract of the intended research.** The student must then deliver the thesis proposal paper (length: 10-15 pages) at least five working days prior to the thesis presentation date. The faculty will also be notified of the thesis presentation at least five working days prior to the thesis presentation date. Room requests should be made through the department office at least two weeks in advance of the presentation. The examination must consist of a seminar-style technical presentation (~45 minutes in length) that is open to all faculty as well as graduate students in the same subfield as the student being examined. A list of students is to be provided by the adviser. 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. If any deadlines are missed, the student must petition the Graduate Committee in order to remain in good standing.

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