

Thesis Proposal Approval Form

Name:

Date Submitted:

Advisor:

Vision Science students are required to prepare a thesis proposal for approval by the thesis committee. Proposals must be completed before the end of the 5th semester (one semester after the Qualifying Examination). A completed and signed Thesis Proposal Approval Form must be submitted along with the Application for Advancement in Candidacy.

Format: Proposals should follow an R01 Grant format. The specific elements are:

1. Specific Aims (1 page)

State major hypotheses and outline the experiments

2. Background and Significance (2 pages)

Include a focused literature review on the area, as well as discussing the importance of this research

3. Preliminary Studies or Progress Report (2-4 pages)

Describe any relevant research that you have already completed toward your PhD

4. Research Design and Methods (5-10 pages)

Describe planned research

Expectations of the thesis committee: The thesis proposal is designed as way for the thesis committee to become familiar with the students research at an early stage. Committee members are asked to concentrate on both quality of research and quality of the proposal.

Thesis Committee: Please sign to indicate that you have reviewed and approved the Thesis Proposal.

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