



# Thesis or Dissertation Proposal

The *Thesis or Dissertation Proposal* form can be completed in one of two formats – electronic or paper:

1. An electronic version of this form – a downloadable word processing document and the preferred method for submitting the form – is available on the Graduate School’s web-site at: [http://grad.georgetown.edu/pages/current\\_student\\_forms.cfm](http://grad.georgetown.edu/pages/current_student_forms.cfm). You can complete the electronic form by typing your proposal information directly into the form itself. Once you have completed the form, print the proposal and obtain the appropriate faculty signatures on the form before submitting it to the Graduate School.
2. If you prefer to use this paper version of the form, please observe the following steps:
  - Complete the **Student Information** section below.
  - Attach additional pages for the proposal elements, sections I – V, below and on the reverse. Your attachments must adhere to the stated guidelines for length and content.
  - Complete section VI, Use of Human Subjects, on the reverse.
  - Obtain the appropriate faculty signatures on this form before submitting the document to the Graduate School.
  - Include this form as the first page of your proposal.

### **Student Information:**

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| <b>Student I.D. Number:</b>                             |  |                      |  |
| <b>Student Name:</b> (As it appears on your transcript) |  |                      |  |
| <b>Address:</b>   |  |                      |  |
| <b>New Address?</b> <input type="checkbox"/>            |  |                      |  |
| <b>E-Mail Address:</b>                                  |  | <b>Phone Number:</b> |  |
| <b>Degree:</b>  |  |                      |  |
| <b>Major:</b>   |  |                      |  |
| <b>Specialization:</b>                                  |  |                      |  |

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### **I. Title:**

Provide a tentative title for your thesis. It should be **concise** and **precise** so as to allow other researchers to correctly infer the topic of your research.

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### **II. Problem or Hypothesis:**

State clearly the research problem you intend to investigate. You should be able to define your problem or hypothesis in no more than 100 words.

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**III. Review of Related Literature:**

Others have contributed to your field historically, philosophically, or experimentally. What closely related problems, ideas, or solutions will you build on and use in your research? What contribution do you expect your research to make to the literature? Please limit your response to 500 words (approximately one page, single spaced).

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**IV. Procedure or Method:**

Briefly describe how you plan to investigate the problem you have identified. Your description may consist of an outline of research techniques or procedures, proposed chapter headings, or other pertinent information. Please limit your response to 500 words (approximately one page, single spaced).

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**V. Selected Bibliography:**

Please list a representative sample (no more than 20) of the primary bibliographic sources you plan to use in your thesis or dissertation. Please provide full citations for each source listed.

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**VI. Use of Human Subjects:**

Does your research involve the use of human subjects?

Yes

No

If yes, you must obtain approval from the appropriate University Institutional Review Board before your proposal can be submitted to the Graduate School:

IRB Approval Number:

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**VII. Student Signature:**

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*Signature*

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*Date*

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**VIII. Faculty Approvals:**

| <b><u>COMMITTEE ROLE:</u></b> | <b><u>MEMBER NAME: (typed)</u></b> | <b><u>SIGNATURE:</u></b> | <b><u>DATE:</u></b> |
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| Thesis Advisor                |                                    |                          |                     |
| Committee Member              |                                    |                          |                     |
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