

Graduate Research Proposal Approval Form – CSUS Department of Chemistry

Graduate Student Name: _____

Year and semester entered program: _____

Before advancement to candidacy, students must present their proposed research both orally and in written form to their thesis committee. The specific format of the written proposal is determined by each students' research advisor; however, it must include:

- the specific aims or objectives of the proposed research,
- the background and significance of the research,
- an experimental plan describing how the proposed objectives will be achieved.

The thesis committee will decide if the proposed research will constitute a body of work that is acceptable for obtaining a Master's degree, and if not, will suggest modifications that will lead to an acceptable Master's research project.

Proposed thesis title:

Proposed graduation date (year and semester):

Thesis committee signatures:

1. _____ Date: _____

2. _____ Date: _____

3. _____ Date: _____

By signing this form, the committee agrees that the proposed research outlined in the accompanying written proposal, once completed, will constitute work of sufficient quality and quantity to be accepted as the research portion of a Master's degree in chemistry. It is understood that due to the uncertainty of scientific research, experimental design and scope may have to change; however, the overall rigor of the work will not diminish.

In order to obtain the graduate coordinator or department chair signature on the advancement to candidacy form, **this form** must be presented with all of the thesis committee's signatures as well as a **copy of the accepted written research proposal**.