

# Thesis, Project, Dissertation, or Doctoral Project Proposal Approval Form

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Level: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name (First, Middle, Last): \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Emphasis: \_\_\_\_\_

All human subjects research conducted by Southern Miss faculty, students and staff requires *prior* approval by the [University's Institutional Review Board \(IRB\)](#). The IRB is responsible for ensuring that proposed research meets the relevant federal and institutional standards and guidelines. All investigations and experiments involving human subjects in any way, regardless of funding source, must be reviewed and sanctioned by the IRB *before* beginning the research. Data collected before formal IRB approval is received may not be used under any circumstances. Upon approval, the IRB manager will send the principal investigator an approval letter from the IRB Chair electronically. Expect 3 – 4 weeks for approval from the time the form is submitted to the IRB by the school director.

Animals used in the University's research and educational activities must be treated humanely and in accord with widely accepted best practices and principles. Federal law requires prior review and approval of all activities involving live vertebrates by the [Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee \(IACUC\)](#).

Will your research involve human subjects?

Will your research involve animal subjects?

Committee Member Names

Committee Member Signatures

Committee Chair: Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee: Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Director/Coordinator: Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_