Submitting the Thesis Proposal

* Thesis proposal MUST be in before or on the first Thesis Research slot.
* Complete items [L-Q] on a separate sheet of paper.
* Route proposal for signatures in the order they appear on the form.
* Approved proposal is to be held on file with Program Office.
* Do not include this section in red when submitting the thesis proposal.

L. Research Questions/Objectives

Identify the primary research question and subsidiary research questions. The primary research question should be broad enough that it covers the entire spectrum of the research activity. Subsidiary research questions subdivide the primary research question into manageable research segments. This should be a very explicit statement of the questions the research will seek to answer. While the questions may be redefined later as the research progresses, initial objective should be made specific.

M. Discussion of Topic

Describe the main thrust of the study, what areas will be specifically investigated and what areas will be excluded; put boundaries around the study; identify what the study will be (e.g., a computer simulation, an experiment, an electronic design and implementation, a system study); discuss any limitations of the study.

N. Tentative Chapter Outline

Identify tentative chapter headings and provide brief discussion of chapter content (Note: This can change).

O. Benefit of Study

State the contribution expected from your research efforts, what individuals/organizations will use the results of your thesis and what problems/issues you expect to be addressed/resolved.

P. Literature Review and Preliminary Bibliography

Provide a listing of representative materials consulted during preliminary literature search. This should include references to the problem or issue to be studied, prior thesis work, literature references, or other sources of information. The final bibliography will probably be much more extensive. Use a standard and complete citation format.

Q. Milestones

This is a tentative list of target dates for completion of the successive stages of the project. You will not be held strictly to this schedule; it is a means of conveying to others when you expect to complete major milestones of the study. Give the dates during which the following activities will be accomplished.

1. Literature Review
2. Construct Research Approach
3. Conduct Research/Travel
4. Analyze Data
5. Draft Thesis
6. Final Thesis Submission Signature

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**THESIS PROPOSAL APPROVAL FORM**

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B. Curriculum:

C. Exp. Graduation:

D. Primary Degree:  Secondary Degree:

E. Primary Thesis Advisor:

F. Co-Advisor:       Second Reader:

G. Thesis specialization track:

H. List two 4xxx level courses within this track:

I. Tentative Thesis Title:       Thesis Classification Level:

J. Anticipated Funding Requirements (If any):       Funding provided by:

K. Human Subjects Research Involved:

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