

## Graduate Student Thesis Advisor(s) Agreement

Choose one section below. Sign I or II. All signers should receive a copy of this agreement, and the graduate office should keep a copy of this agreement.

### I. Single advisor:

By signing this form, we agree that the faculty member listed below will function as the graduate student's thesis advisor until completion of the thesis. If a co-advisor is added at a later date, the graduate school office should be notified, and a new agreement form should be signed. If for any reason the advisor listed on this sheet can no longer function as thesis advisor, the student or advisor should notify the graduate school office, and the office will contact the persons signing this sheet. Any disagreements will be mediated by the graduate school dean. As soon as possible after that time, a new agreement form should be signed.

Graduate student's name (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate student's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty thesis advisor's name (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty thesis advisor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Program director's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dean of graduate school's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Co-advisors:

By signing this form, we agree that the faculty members listed below will function as the graduate student's thesis advisors until completion of the thesis. If for any reason one of the advisors listed on this sheet can no longer function as thesis advisor, or if the project changes sufficiently so that one of the co-advisors is no longer appropriate, the student or advisor should notify the graduate school office, and the office will contact the persons signing this sheet. Any disagreements will be mediated by the graduate school dean. As soon as possible after that time, a new agreement form should be signed.

Signing this form is an acknowledgment that the parties involved have discussed, among other things, the lab(s) in which the work will take place, the location of the student's desk/computer, the supervisory roles of the co-advisors, and the division of financial responsibility between the co-advisors for lab equipment/supplies and the student's stipend.

Graduate student's name (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate student's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty thesis co-advisor's name (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty thesis co-advisor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty thesis co-advisor's name (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty thesis co-advisor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dean of graduate school's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Program director's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### IMPORTANT NOTES CONCERNING GRADUATE STUDENT STIPENDS:

1. The current minimum graduate student stipend is \$25,385. The guideline for the maximum stipend is 20% above the minimum stipend (currently \$30,462).
2. Once the student has committed to a laboratory for their thesis project, the amount of the student's stipend will be determined by the thesis advisor, with approval of the SGS Dean, for each year that the thesis advisor is responsible for the stipend. The stipend amount can range from the minimum stipend to the maximum stipend.
3. The minimum graduate student stipend will be paid in any years that the stipend is covered by the School of Graduate Studies. This applies to new students as well as advanced students, e.g. in cases where the lab's funding has lapsed, regardless of the stipend the student was receiving from the lab.
4. Students with co-advisors will have their stipend determined by an agreement between the advisors.
5. Students that transfer from one lab to another will have their stipend level reset once they enter the new lab.