

## Pre-proposal & Request for Approval of Ph.D. Dissertation Committee: Overview

The doctoral dissertation is a culminating experience for all Ph.D. students through which a student is expected to complete quality research that contributes to the theoretical/research knowledge base of the field of study. The formal dissertation proposal at the Lynch School of Education begins with the development of a Pre-proposal and the completion of the Request for Approval of Ph.D. Dissertation Committee forms. The Pre-proposal and Request for Approval processes are designed as vehicles for the identification of a dissertation committee (a chair and 2-3 readers) and for the articulation and clarification of the research question and the research methodology. Please review the following description of these requirements and the Lynch School Policy governing the Dissertation Committee, and then complete the Pre-proposal and the Request for Approval form and return them to the Associate Dean of Students for review and approval. Once approved, your materials will be forwarded to your Department Office for review/approval by the Department Chair. After the Department C4)(t)8 2(De)(pa)(r)13po aol10(a)s,r

## Dissertation Committee Policy (see next page for Request for Approval form)

The doctoral committee should be comprised of those individuals who can best support the achievement of the research goals.

# Request for Approval of Ph.D. Dissertation Committee

Name

Date\_

Email

Phone\_

Program

Advisor \_

Proposed title of Ph.D. dissertation:

Have you completed Coursework?       Yes       No

If you have any remaining Courses or Incompletes, please indicate below when and how you anticipate completing them.

Date of entry into doctoral program

Dates of comprehensive exams

Estimated date for submission of Human Subjects Review

Estimated date for proposal hearing

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Estimated date for receipt of degree

Requested members of Dissertation Committee

NAME OF CHAIR