

Behavioral Neuroscience Ph.D. Proposal Approval Form

Each student in the Behavioral Neuroscience Graduate Training Program must submit a written Ph.D. Research Proposal. This proposal must be submitted and approved by the Dissertation Advisory Committee by the end of the third year of training (i.e., before the first day of class for fall term of the fourth year). It is expected that the proposal will contain a brief review of the relevant scientific literature, a statement of the rationale or hypothesis for the project, a description of proposed methods including the approach to statistical analysis, a discussion of expected outcomes and their significance, and references. Although the length and format for this proposal may vary depending on the nature of the project, students are strongly encouraged to adopt the format of the Research Plan in the standard NIH research grant application (Form 398). A majority of the Advisory Committee members must approve the research proposal for the proposal to be pursued as the student's Ph.D. thesis work. Advisory Committee members will indicate their approval by signing the **Behavioral Neuroscience Ph.D. Proposal Approval Form** and marking **Approve** or **Approve with Modification**. A majority of signatures accompanied by marks under **Reevaluate after Modification** will require modification of the proposal and committee reevaluation. The student must submit the signed form to the Graduate Program Coordinator for signature and placement in the student's file.

Student name: _____ **Date:** _____

Dissertation Title: _____

| Dissertation Advisory Committee Members: | Approve | Approve with Modification | Reevaluate after Modification |
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Graduate Program Coordinator:

Signature

ApprovalDate