Instructions for: Doctorate - Forming the Dissertation Committee (Form I-A)

Use this internal ORE form to report the following:

- Approval of research topic
- Appointment of dissertation committee

Approval for Research Topics

As required by federal, state and university regulations, UHM students who intend to conduct research that involves the use of subjects listed below must check with their respective academic departments, the Office of Research Services, and the appropriate office(s) for approval and guidance.

- Committee on Human Studies [www.hawaii.edu/irb/](http://www.hawaii.edu/irb/)

  The Committee on Human Studies (CHS) functions as the federally mandated Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the UH system. All research proposals involving the use of human subjects or the university's non-public information to identify or contact research subjects need to be reviewed and approved by the CHS. Federal guidelines allow for some research to be exempt from IRB review. However, only the CHS may grant such exemptions.

- Environmental, Health and Safety Office [www.hawaii.edu/ehso/](http://www.hawaii.edu/ehso/)

  The Environmental, Health and Safety Office (EHSO) ensures safe campus environments through the development and administration of health and safety programs critical to the university experience. Research proposals involving radioactive materials, biological "commodities" (including micro-organisms, plants, animals, biological toxins, cell or tissue samples, recombinant DNA), compressed gas (scuba) diving, certain chemicals and hazardous materials, and the disposal of hazardous materials need to be reviewed and approved by the EHSO.

- Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee [www.hawaii.edu/ansc/IACUC/](http://www.hawaii.edu/ansc/IACUC/)

  The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is responsible for the oversight and evaluation of animal care and use at the university. Research proposals involving vertebrate animals need to be reviewed and approved by the IACUC.

Committee Approval

The majority of the committee members must be ORE graduate faculty and there must be at least one ORE departmental graduate faculty member in the committee. If any of the faculty listed are not on the graduate faculty, submit a current Curriculum Vitae and a petition via the Graduate Chair to the Graduate Division explaining why they should be included above.
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Part I. To Be completed by the student

Name: Last, First, M.I.  UH ID No.: ________________________

Graduate Program: Ocean and Resources Engineering  
Degree Objective: PhD

Dissertation Topic: ________________________________________________

I certify that I have read and understand the policies and instructions for this form.

[ ] Yes  [ ] No  My research requires approval by one or more of the following: Committee on Human Studies, Environmental, Health, and Safety Office, and/or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. If yes, attach a copy of the approval letter(s).

Signature of Student  Date

Obtain signatures from the dissertation committee

We certify that we have reviewed the research proposal attached and found that the proposal is 1) appropriate to the student’s academic discipline, and 2) in compliance with the policies and instruction for this form.

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Part II. To be completed by the Graduate Chair

The dissertation committee and the research topic are approved. The student can proceed with the comprehensive exam.

[ ] Recommended  [ ] Not Recommended

Signature of Graduate Chair  Date

Attachment: Ph.D. proposal