

### Doctoral Dissertation Proposal [D5]

Prior to filing this proposal, the dissertation committee should meet with the student for an oral defense of the proposal. It is understood that the dissertation research may evolve in directions quite different from the dissertation proposal, and the proposal is not intended to restrict the normal development of a research project. The dissertation proposal is in no way a contract between the University and the student. Depending on the outcome of the research, the dissertation may require substantially more work than anticipated at the stage of the dissertation proposal. The termination of a line of research and the adoption of a substantially new dissertation project will require the preparation, oral defense, and acceptance by the Graduate School of a new dissertation proposal.

**Individual Author Proposals** – The following documents **must be submitted as individual attachments in one email**:

- The proposal, in pdf format, prepared in a scholarly style appropriate to the discipline, may be brief.
- If the research involves animals or human subjects, this form must be accompanied by IRB approval.
- TurnItIn report - <http://umsl.edu/go/turnitin>
- D5 for author

**Co-Authored Proposals** - If the dissertation is co-authored, **must be submitted as individual attachments in one email**:

- 1 copy of the proposal, in pdf format, prepared in a scholarly style appropriate to the discipline, may be brief.
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- TurnItIn report - <http://umsl.edu/go/turnitin>
- Individual D5's for each co-auth– ex: 4 co-auth = 4 D5's [same title] + proposal + IRB + TurnItIn submitted in 1 email

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Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Authored Dissertation?  Yes  No  
*If yes, please see special submission instructions above.*

Dissertation Title

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