

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. **The D5 & Proposal must be approved by the Graduate School no later than the semester PRIOR to your intended graduation semester. Students may not defend the proposal and graduate in the same semester.**

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.
- If the research involves animals or human subjects, this form must be accompanied by IRB approval.
- 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

Student Name: _____

Student Number: _____

Degree Program: _____
[ex: Education PhD, Biology PhD, Nursing DNP, etc.]

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

Dissertation Title

Committee Approvals

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Committee Chairperson

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Please note submission instructions above, after GPD signature – packet must be submitted to GradSchoolForms@umsl.edu

Graduate Program Director Signature

Date

Graduate School Office

Graduate School Dean Signature & Date