

Department of Environmental & Public Health Sciences

Graduate Studies Office



**Clinical & Translational Research
Statement of Intent Approval Form**

➤ Each student must complete this form 1 semester before applying to graduate

Name: _____

Date: _____

Study Title: _____

The Master of Science research thesis is intended to demonstrate students' expertise in their chosen research area and their ability to communicate and evaluate critically. It needs to be the result of a student's independent research. A thesis may be written in the form of a publishable research paper, conforming to the publication style of the student's journal of choice (e.g., JAMA, Pediatrics, AJE, etc).

Students in the MS in Clinical & Translational Research are required to submit a Statement of Intent (SOI) outlining their proposed thesis project. It includes a cover memo from the student, listing members of the Thesis Committee. The SOI is reviewed by each student's Thesis Committee for a variety of elements, including:

- appropriateness of the project for a master's thesis
- study design
- analysis plan
- measurability of variables
- contributions to the literature
- feasibility

Once the SOI has been approved by the Thesis Committee, the student should make continuous progress on the thesis towards graduation. Thesis Committee members should have ample opportunity to review student thesis work at all stages to ensure the project is on track. A final draft of the thesis should be submitted for Committee review at least 1 month before the graduation deadline.

If the members of the Thesis Committee affirm that the student's proposed thesis project meets the standards of publishable research within the chosen field, please sign below.

Committee Chair's Printed Name	Signature	Date
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