

## Dissertation Proposal Approval Form

To: Director of Graduate Studies, Wilf Family Department of Politics

Please be informed that \_\_\_\_\_ has successfully passed his/her  
**Dissertation Proposal** requirement.

Chair of Committee: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Member: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Member: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Note the relevant Department Rules, as listed in the Bulletin:**

After completing the qualifying examination, students must present a Ph.D. dissertation proposal. The proposal ordinarily should be presented before the end of the third year in residence (second year for students who receive an M.A. waiver). Students who do not present a proposal within one calendar year of passing their qualifying examination must petition the DGS to be allowed to do so.

The proposal should specify the problem to be researched, summarize the current state of knowledge, describe research procedures, and identify the bodies of relevant information. It should be no more than 15 single-spaced pages, plus a bibliography. A dissertation committee must approval the proposal. When all members are satisfied with the proposal, the committee meets with the student in an advisory hearing. Acceptance of the proposal signals that the student has satisfied all the requirements for the Ph.D. degree other than the dissertation.