

**School of Computing, Informatics, and Decision Systems Engineering**

**MASTERS RESEARCH/THESIS PROPOSAL**

An M.S. student must prepare a research/thesis proposal that should be typewritten in a double-spaced format and it should be approximately 5-10 pages in length.

The research/thesis proposal should do the following:

- Explain what the student intends to do
- Explain the value of the research
- Outline the research plan
- Define specific criteria for the completion of the research/thesis
- Include a timetable for the completion of the research/thesis
- Include a bibliography relevant to the research/thesis

After the student's faculty advisor is satisfied with the student's research/thesis proposal, the student may submit the proposal to the rest of the research committee. Any member of the committee may establish a requirement for the student to make an oral presentation of the proposal. The research committee evaluates the proposal in terms of:

1. The value of the research
2. The feasibility of the research/thesis plan, and
3. The student's preparation for carrying out the proposed research

The committee will accept the proposal as written, accept it with changes, or reject it. When the committee accepts the proposal, each committee member must sign the approval page given below. Then the student must submit the proposal to the graduate advisor.

A student must have an approved thesis proposal on file with the graduate advisor and an approved MS Thesis form before the student can register for the final 3 hours of research or thesis credits.

Research/Thesis Proposal  
for the Master's Degree in Computer Science

**Title**

Prepared by:

Your Name

Date

Approved by:

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Chair's Name

Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Name

Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Name