DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Approval of Thesis or Project Proposal for MSCS (Circle One)

After completing 18 graduate hours, the student should take action to find a topic for the project or thesis and a faculty member to supervise that project or thesis. The topic may be chosen solely at student initiative or after consultation with a faculty member. The faculty member may make his/her agreement to serve contingent on the condition that a mutually acceptable topic can be worked out. The student must also produce a proposal clearly stating the substance and tangible products or the work. For example, a proposal may be an extended abstract for 2 – 5 typed pages in length. The student must obtain the agreement of two other suitable individuals to serve on a committee with the supervisor. When this much has been done, fill out this form, attach your proposal, and obtain the required signatures. For a project sign up for CS 798 and for a thesis sign up for CS 799. For projects, the materials go only to the Department. For theses, they go to the Graduate Office, with copies to the Department. In either case, a signed copy of this approval will be returned to the faculty member who will supervise the project.

Name __________________________ Date ______________

Semester/Year in which 18 graduate hours completed ______________

Proposed Title __________________________________________

Full-time CS faculty member who approves the proposal and will supervise the project

Name ___________________ Signature __________ Date ______

Two other individuals who approve the proposal and will serve on supervisory committee

1. Name ___________________ Signature __________ Date ______
   Dept. (if not CS) __________ Inst. (if not GMU) __________

2. Name ___________________ Signature __________ Date ______
   Dept. (if not CS) __________ Inst. (if not GMU) __________

NOTE: If any of the committee members is not a full-time CS faculty member, then the graduate coordinator must indicate approval of that arrangement by signing below. The signature of the Department Chair is required in all cases.

Signature of Grad. Coordinator __________________________ Date ______

Signature of Chairman ________________________________ Date ______