

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student G#: \_\_\_\_\_

Student E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Credits Completed in PhD Program: \_\_\_\_\_

CS Faculty who will act as Research Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-advisor (if applicable – see notes) \_\_\_\_\_

Doctoral Research Area: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURES**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student** Signature Date

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**Research Advisor** Signature Date

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**Co-Advisor** (if applicable) Signature Date

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**PhD Program Director** Signature Date

Notes:

- All PhD CS students are required to declare their PhD research advisor within the first 24 credits in the program (part-time students can't postpone this declaration beyond three years). Shorter deadlines may be imposed by the CS department for students transferring from another PhD program or changing their catalog year.
- The PhD Research Advisor must be a tenured or tenure-track member of the graduate faculty in the CS Department. Affiliate members of the CS Department graduate faculty may co-advise students along with a tenured or tenure-track member of the CS Department graduate faculty.
- If the student changes research advisor, a new form must be submitted to the CS Department by the end of the semester when the change occurs.
- This form is only for the research advisor declaration. Students can form their dissertation committee only after successfully passing the comprehensive exam (there is a separate form for the dissertation committee formation.)
- The doctoral research area information is tentative. It refers to the general area in which the student intends to conduct the doctoral research under the supervision of the research advisor.
- **Submit this form to [csphd@gmu.edu](mailto:csphd@gmu.edu) after obtaining all the signatures (except the PhD Program Director's signature, which will be added as part of the approval process).**