

**THE GENERAL RESEARCH PLAN
For Master's Thesis**

The General Research Plan (GRP) is used to describe the basic substance and form of the proposed research for the Master's Thesis. The GRP should include the following (in five or fewer pages):

Student Name

Title of Research Project

Date Submitted to GPC for Approval

Names and Signatures of Proposed Committee Members

Thesis Committee: A minimum of three and a maximum of five voting members are required, all of whom must hold the doctoral degree or the highest degree for the discipline. The committee must include the candidate's master's thesis adviser. One or two members may be from programs separate from the candidate's. At least three of the committee members must be Graduate Faculty members.

"I approve of the attached general research plan for the research project and agree to serve on the student's Thesis Advisory Committee."

Chair Name	Signature	Date
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Co-Chair (if appropriate) or Member	Signature	Date
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STATEMENT OF RESEARCH QUESTION

- A. Hypotheses and Specific Aims
- B. Significance
- Summary of background literature
 - Preliminary data
 - Contribution of this project to expanding the understanding of the research topic

METHODS TO BE USED

Description of study design

- B. Description of student's role in the study
- C. Source of data and specific methods of data collection
- D. Calculations to justify sample size
- E. Statistical methods proposed or planned

LIMITATIONS

Statement of limitation of the study's design

FEASIBILITY

Description of the feasibility of obtaining data and completing the study within a reasonable time frame.

Include a time line

REFERENCES

References need not be extensive, but should review the major work in the specific area of research.