

## Confirmation of agreement to proceed with a dissertation/thesis defense for SERS PhD/Masters students

To arrange a dissertation/thesis defense, SERS graduate students, supervisors/co-supervisors and formally approved committee members must confirm agreement to proceed.

Agreement to proceed implies supervisors/co-supervisors and formally-approved committee members (as appropriate) have independently reviewed, in a reasonable time frame, a complete draft of the thesis. This process should be coordinated by the supervisor/co-supervisors in conjunction with the student.

*Approval to proceed to the defense stage is **not** a determination of outcome.*

Additional information on best practice roles and responsibilities of graduate students, supervisors and committee members can be found here:

<https://uwaterloo.ca/graduate-studies-postdoctoral-affairs/faculty-and-staff/guide-graduate-research-and-supervision>

Supervisor  
(name/signature): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-supervisor (if applicable)  
(name/signature): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee member:  
(name/signature): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee member:  
(name/signature): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee member:  
(name/signature): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*add more signatures as required

Submit to: Amanda Campbell ([Amanda.campbell@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:Amanda.campbell@uwaterloo.ca)), SERS Graduate Coordinator

N.B.: A graduate student may choose to proceed to defense in the absence of approval by the supervisor(s) and/or committee member(s). In such circumstances, it is recommended the student consult with the Director, Graduate Studies (SERS)

