

# MSP FIRST-YEAR FACULTY COUNCILOR SELECTION / MEETING FORM

The First-Year Faculty Councilor will provide the MSP student with a confidential and impartial sounding board during the first year of graduate study. The objective is to help the student make the transition from undergrad to graduate school, as well as that of moving to a new city. The selection of the MSP faculty member is left to the student, who should choose someone with whom he/she feels comfortable discussing personal and professional issues, should they arise. This councilor provides a resource for advice and/or help at any level prior to choosing a thesis laboratory. At that point, the thesis advisor typically serves this role; however, the First-Year Councilor can continue to serve as a valuable resource and confidant, independent of the thesis advisor, in future years.

The First-Year Councilor must be actively involved in the MSP Program, such as (but not limited to) a current or past member of the MSP Executive Committee. The Program Administrator, DGS, or senior students can help to identify faculty members who meet these criteria. This requirement is to ensure that the chosen advisor is active in and fully knowledgeable about most aspects of the MSP program. Faculty choices should be submitted **by September 15**. They must be approved by the DGS, and the first meeting should take place **by the end of October**. Meetings with First-Year Councilor must occur at least once per term, with the second meeting occurring **before the end of February**, but may be held as often as needed.

COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE SECTION BELOW, AND SUBMIT SIGNED FORM TO THE MSP OFFICE, 300A DENTAL BUILDING.

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\_\_\_\_\_ FIRST-YEAR COUNCILOR SELECTION (Due September 15) DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Optional comments (Use back if necessary):

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Print Name of Faculty Member

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Signature

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Print Name of Student

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