Neuroscience Dissertation Defense Approval Form

The Neuroscience Dissertation Defense Approval Form is used to document that each member of the student's dissertation committee, including the dissertation advisor, has reviewed the dissertation and evaluated whether it is sufficiently developed to proceed to the final dissertation defense.

By completing this form, committee members indicate their assessment of the dissertation's readiness for defense. Edits may be requested at this time or after the defense. If the dissertation is not deemed defensible, the student must complete additional revisions and/or committee review before resubmitting for approval.

Committee members must complete the form no later than **two weeks** before the proposed dissertation defense date in accordance with Neuroscience Graduate Program and GDBBS policies.

Dissertation Details	
Student Name	
Undergraduate Education (Degree, Major, School, Year)	
Dissertation Title	
Anticipated Defense Date	
Time of Defense	
Location of Defense	
Zoom Link, Meeting ID and Passcode (if applicable)	

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Committee Evaluation

***Note:** Members need not have read every single word; they simply need to approve moving forward with the defense. They may request edits to the dissertation later.*

Dissertation Committee Evaluation
After reviewing the dissertation, please select one recommendation below. ϒ **Defensible - Approved to Proceed with Dissertation Defense** The student is approved to proceed with their scheduled final dissertation defense. ϒ **Not Defensible – Not Approved to Proceed with Dissertation Defense** Based on the committee member's evaluation, the dissertation is not ready for defense. The student must complete additional revisions and/or committee review before resubmitting for approval.

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Role	Committee Member Name	Defensible? Yes/No	Signature	Date
Advisor				
Committee Member 1				
Committee Member 2				
Committee Member 3				
Committee Member 4				
Committee Member 5				
Committee Member 6				

Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) Approval			
Final Recommendation ϒ **Approved to Proceed with Dissertation Defense** The student is approved to proceed with their scheduled final dissertation defense. ϒ **Not Approved to Proceed with Dissertation Defense** Based on the committee's evaluations, the dissertation is not ready for defense. The student must complete additional revisions and/or committee review before resubmitting for approval.			
Comments			
DGS	DGS Name	Signature	Date

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