

**RESEARCH CO-SUPERVISION FORM**  
**for students with supervisors who are not MIT Physics faculty members**

Students who wish to conduct their thesis research under the direction of a supervisor who is not an MIT Physics Faculty member require a co-supervisor from within the MIT Department of Physics. **Supervisors outside the Department should be aware that the cost of an MIT Physics Student may differ from that of a student at another institution or another department within MIT.** Supervisors who hire MIT Physics students are required to fund tuition plus a monthly stipend (the stipend figure is determined annually by the Department of Physics).

The Department of Physics strongly urges students and supervisors to review the policies in the *Guidelines for Physics Doctoral Candidates* (<http://web.mit.edu/physics/current/graduate/doctoral.html>). The Department expects that these guidelines will be adhered to by both current Physics graduate students and by their supervisors. Students and their supervisors should review and agree on policies listed under the sub-headings “Satisfactory Progress” and “Research” in particular before this form is signed. Both parties should be aware that while outside supervisors are not formally bound to the policies of the MIT Department of Physics, the Department asks them to adhere to MIT Physics’ Doctoral Guidelines as closely as possible in order to ensure fair and consistent treatment of all MIT Physics graduate students.

Before funding from an outside supervisor can be credited to a student’s account, a co-supervisor from the MIT Physics faculty must be identified. The co-supervisor will maintain close contact with the research as it progresses and must ultimately co-sign the thesis. The Oral Exam will be administered in the co-supervisor’s sub-field of physics and the co-supervisor will retain the role of “supervisor” for the purpose of this exam. It is the Department’s expectation that the student and supervisor will retain contact throughout the student’s tenure with the Physics co-supervisor.

**Student name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Research Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Co-Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Effective date of new funding:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Please submit this form to Academic Programs (4-315) within one month of entering into a supervisor relationship with a research outside the MIT Physics faculty.
- All cost objects (account numbers) from the new source of funding should be sent by the Supervisor to the Student Payroll Coordinator in the Physics Academic Programs Office, to [phys-gradappts@mit.edu](mailto:phys-gradappts@mit.edu).