



Ph.D. Candidacy Petition Form

Instructions: Students wishing to pursue a Ph.D. degree must petition for candidacy by submitting this form via email to the Department Chairperson at least two weeks prior to the intended date of the Candidacy Examination. Attach all supporting materials as indicated below, including a statement from your research advisor addressing your ability to conduct independent research.

Section 1 – Student Information

- Full Name:
- Student ID:
- Email:
- Date of Submission:
- Expected Candidacy Exam Date:

Section 2 – Academic Background

Master's Degree (if applicable): In progress Completed Not applicable

Graduate Coursework Completed: *I have completed all required graduate courses for the PhD program as of the end of the _____ semester, with the exception of dissertation credits.* (attach a copy of the course plan approved by your committee and a copy of your transcript.)

Preliminary Exam Date: _____

Preliminary Exam Result: Passed Conditional Retake Scheduled Other:

Section 3 – Research Progress

Current Research Advisor: _____

Research Area/Project Title: _____

Brief Summary of Research Progress (1–2 paragraphs):





Section 4 – Attachments

- Statement from Research Advisor (addressing ability to conduct independent research)
- Copy of course plan approved by committee and transcript (unofficial or official)
- Curriculum Vitae (optional but encouraged)

Section 5 – Student Statement and Signature

I hereby petition the Department of Physics for admission to Ph.D. Candidacy and affirm that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Section 6 – Department Action (For Faculty Use Only)

Faculty Review Outcome:

- Approved Conditionally Approved (subject to requirements below) Disapproved

Conditions or Comments (if applicable):

Faculty Review Date: _____

Department Chairperson Signature: _____ Date: _____