



Major Professor Request

Entering graduate students should acquaint themselves with all the research opportunities available and complete their selection of a research advisor (major professor) by the end of the first non-summer semester in residence. Each student is required to meet with at least three faculty members to discuss their research before selecting a research advisor. Students should fill in one sentence about the research for each group and ask the faculty member to sign the form. Signatures can be on paper or electronic.

Once the student and selected faculty member agree that the student may *request* to join that group, the selected major advisor will sign the form. The student should then email this request form to the Graduate Program Administrator (Amanda Cross), who will forward this form to the Director of Graduate Studies (Dr. Amanda Frossard). The DGS will meet with the Department Head (Dr. Aaron Aponick) on October 1 to go over all the requests. Once the major advisor is approved by the Department Head, the student and major advisor will be informed of the decision by the DGS.

Fall 2026 requests are due BEFORE October 1, 2026.

Student Name:

Signature and Date:

Three Faculty Interviewed

Name of Faculty Interview 1:

Research Discussed:

Signature and Date:

Name of Faculty Interview 2:

Research Discussed:

Signature and Date:

Name of Faculty Interview 3:

Research Discussed:

Signature and Date:

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