Student Name __________________________

Students must choose one of following options to fulfill the Final Project requirement for the Master of Science in Clinical Research:

- **A standard thesis:** A candidate may elect to write a master’s thesis in his or her field of specialty. A thesis produced under this option must conform to all applicable University policies regarding theses (visit [http://www.pitt.edu/~graduate/etd](http://www.pitt.edu/~graduate/etd) for details).

- **A grant proposal for an R01, K-award, or equivalent award:** An eligible trainee may elect to write an R01 or equivalent research proposal on which he or she is the principal investigator as evidence of his or her ability to plan and conduct independent research. To satisfy requirements of the Final Project, the proposal must be reviewed and approved by an appropriate scientific review committee from the candidate’s department; it must be “submission ready.” Two members of the committee must be independent (i.e., not listed as key personnel on the grant). Note that career development awards funded through the K12 or KL2 mechanism may not be used as the Final Project.

- **Two manuscripts for publication in peer-reviewed journals:** At the discretion of a trainee’s ICRE advisor, the trainee may elect to write two first-authored manuscripts related to his or her research project and submit these manuscripts as evidence of independent work. The manuscripts must be original research papers organized and formatted for peer-reviewed journals; they must be “submission ready.” Each manuscript must be reviewed by at least two members of the Review Committee who are not coauthors. At least one member of the committee must be independent (i.e., not a coauthor on either paper) and only the trainee’s mentor can be a coauthor on both papers.

For each of the options, the trainee’s Final Project must be presented and defended before a review committee. Both the review committee and the ICRE program coordinator must receive a copy of the Final Project at least 10 business days prior to the defense date. Additional information and periodic updates about the Final Project can be found on our website:


Complete the information below and review it with your ICRE Academic Advisor. **This form must be approved and signed by your advisor before submitting it to the ICRE Administrative Office.**

Return this completed form to: ICRE Administrative Office, 200 Meyran Avenue, Suite 300.

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Approved: _____

Date: ________________

Not Approved: _____
PART 1. Title of Final Project.

Option selected:

☐ Thesis          ☐ Grant Proposal          ☐ Two Manuscripts

Project title (if choosing the two-manuscript option, include titles for both papers):

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PART 2. List of Review Committee Members (with signatures)

The ICRE Review Committee is chaired by your ICRE academic advisor (or another ICRE faculty member named by the advisor). The Committee also must include your mentor and at least one ad hoc member familiar with your project. (If your mentor is not in your primary department, the ad hoc member should be someone from your department.) The ICRE faculty member and ICRE Leadership Committee may indicate that additional reviewers (e.g., independent reviewers, statisticians) are needed.

ICRE Advisor (print name):

Signature:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Project Mentor (print name):

Signature:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Faculty Member #1 (print name):

Signature:

Email Address:

Phone Number:
Faculty Member #2 (print name): __________________________________________

Signature: ____________________________________________________________

Email Address: _________________________________________________________

Phone Number: _________________________________________________________

PART 3. Description of Final Project.

Attach a description of your Final Project before submitting this form to your ICRE advisor. If choosing either the thesis or grant proposal options, include a 1- to 2-page description. If choosing the two-manuscript option, provide titles and descriptions for both papers, including all coauthors.

PART 4. Approval of the ICRE Advisor.

Advisor Comments:

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Signature of ICRE Academic Advisor ___________________________ Date