

Instructions for Nomination of MD-PhD Thesis Special Committee

1. Following successful completion of the ACE Examination, all MD-PhD candidates must nominate a Thesis Special Committee, selecting its membership, with their consent, from the current roster of the WCGSMS faculty. Each Program of Study may determine whether representatives from other Programs must be represented on the Special Committee.
2. The Thesis Special Committee includes the candidate's primary thesis advisor (also known as major sponsor) and two other faculty members selected by the student with the advice and consent of the major thesis advisor plus a member from the Rockefeller University graduate school. Additional members may be selected upon request. Additional members are not required to be faculty of the WCGSMS, but must be faculty at another accredited institution. The purpose of the Thesis Special Committee is to provide expert mentoring of the student in completing the thesis project.
3. Consult the Code of Legislation to be informed of the process of making alterations to the Special Committee.
4. Complete the Nomination of Thesis Special Committee form and obtain signatures from each member nominated.
5. Obtain the signature of the Program of Study Chairperson or Director.
6. Submit the completed form to Denise Jenkins (djenkins@med.cornell.edu) and cc Program Coordinator of Program.