

**Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine  
2011-12 Research Thesis Program Application Cover Sheet**

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<b>Faculty Preceptor:</b>
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<b>Project Title:</b>
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**AGREEMENT:** I agree to submit a written summary report of the project, present the data for review to the Research Thesis Program Committee and present the data at a Research Thesis Program (RTP) symposium in the spring of my M4 year. I also agree to attend a minimum of 90% of the monthly lecture series and meet twice yearly with my assigned advisor.

<b>Student Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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<b>Preceptor Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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**Please submit an electronic application (in PDF format)  
to Sue Anne Tae ([s-tae@northwestern.edu](mailto:s-tae@northwestern.edu)) AND a signed hard copy  
to Ward 1-003, by 5pm on Friday, October 28, 2011.**

# Research Thesis Program

## Application Instructions

*The completed narrative for the application should be no more than six single-spaced typewritten pages in length plus cover sheet, abstract (describing your summer research), and an NIH-form biosketch from your mentor. In order, please answer the following questions completely:*

### **I. Career Goals**

Briefly outline your long-term career goals and include how the Research Thesis Program will help you achieve these goals. Please include details of how the MSSRP, or comparable summer research experience, contributed to your career development and why you want to continue your research training in the Research Thesis Program **(to be written by student)**.

### **II. Research Plan**

Describe your ongoing research project, including a detailed plan and timeline of future research on the proposed project. The plan should include a longitudinal research plan from the present time to the spring of your M4 year. If your investigations are part of a larger study by your preceptor, please indicate your exact role in the study and clarify how your role will be integrated into the larger study. The research plan should use a standard NIH format. Data from the Medical Student Summer Research Program (MSSRP), or comparable summer research experience, can be included as preliminary data. Please include the abstract that you submitted for the MSSRP poster presentation and an NIH formatted biosketch **(to be written by the students with the help of the preceptor/mentor)**.

### **III. Research Environment**

Describe the research environment and your prior experience in training and mentoring pre-doctoral and post-doctoral trainees. Include items such as the work environment, opportunities for interaction with other personnel and how the student's research efforts will be integrated into your current research program. If other individuals will be significantly involved in the student's training, please details their role **(to be written by the preceptor/mentor)**.

### **IV. Instruction and Mentoring**

Describe the instruction and mentoring that you will commit to the student's training. Include how this will be accomplished, how these interactions will result in a meaningful research training experience for the student and outline a formal training plan that you have devised with the student. If other individuals will be significantly involved in the student's training, please detail their role. Please include your NIH biosketch and a biosketch from any other key personnel, as well as a list of your prior trainees. **(to be written by preceptor/mentor)**.