



Petition to Advance

Instructions

1. Discuss your personal or career goals with your advisor to determine whether or not to advance to a degree and which program would best meet your needs.
 2. Review the program requirements in the current IBS Catalog and the Thesis Handbook; make a plan for how you will complete the remaining degree program requirements.
 3. Ask your advisor to send a letter of support to the IBS Dean.
 4. Complete this form and the statement of purposes; submit the form to the IBS Registrar.
 5. The Admissions Committee will review the petition and the Registrar will inform you of their decision.
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Student Name: _____ Student ID#: _____
Current Program: _____ Anticipated Completion Term: _____
Advance to: _____

I acknowledge that I have discussed my plans with my academic advisor: _____

I acknowledge that I have review the IBS Catalog and degree program requirements: _____

I acknowledge that I have reviewed the Thesis Handbook: _____

Statement of Purpose:

On the next page or as an attachment, please provide a statement of purpose of approximately 250 to 500 words that includes:

- (a) your specific reasons for pursuing a degree at IBS;
 - (b) your personal or professional goals and how a degree will support them; and
 - (b) your specific research interests or a brief summary of your proposed thesis project.
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Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Approved, Dean's signature: _____ Date: _____

Statement of Purpose:

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