# ROBO/MSE THESIS APPROVAL FORM – ROBO 597

**Name:**

# Expected Date of Graduation (MM/YY):

**Thesis Topic/Title:**

**Brief Description / Abstract:**

**Thesis Advisor(s):**

Advisor:

Co-Advisor:

*\*Only needed if advisor is not a GRASP Faculty Member*

*Details:*

Advisor Approved Thesis Paper will be due to the ROBO Program Director 1 full week before the last day of classes of your 2nd semester ROBO 597.

Required Thesis Presentation will be during finals week of your 2nd semester of ROBO 597.

# Advisor Signature:

 Date

# Co-Advisor Signature:

 Date

*\*Only needed if advisor is not a GRASP Faculty Member*

# Graduate Group Chair Signature:

 Date

**Please email the completed form with advisor signature(s) to Colleen Kennedy at** **robo-coord@seas.upenn.edu**

# ROBO Master's Thesis Guidelines

A ROBO/MSE student who wishes to write a thesis will choose a thesis advisor, who must be a member of the GRASP faculty or co-advised by one, and have a suitable thesis topic.

MSE students may enroll in two course units of ROBO 597/ Master’s Student Thesis Research for the master's thesis as part of satisfying the ten course unit requirement for the degree.

The student should complete the MSE thesis approval form to have it signed by their thesis advisor and approved by the ROBO Program Director. At the end of the second semester of ROBO 597 and before the time designated on the approval form, the student should submit a proposal to their advisor for evaluation and recommendations on how it may be approved.

The thesis must be prepared and submitted following the general SEAS and University of Pennsylvania guidelines available at [**https://grad.seas.upenn.edu/student-handbook/masters-**](http://www.upenn.edu/VPGE/masters.html) **thesis/**

Once the thesis has been approved by the student's thesis advisor, the thesis must be submitted to the ROBO Program Director for review, approval and cover sheet signature at least 1 full week before the last day of classes during the student’s second semester of ROBO 597. A required public presentation (15-20 minutes) of the work will be made on a specified date during finals week of that same semester. The title of the presentation must be submitted to the ROBO Graduate Coordinator for posting at least two weeks prior to the presentation date that will be determined at a time during final weeks.

All the requirements of the thesis must be satisfied and approved before the thesis submission date specified by the office of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. When final approval of the thesis is obtained, an original and a photocopy (both unbound), with the advisor's and graduate group chair's signatures, is submitted to the SEAS Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the Academic Programs Office, Towne 109.