# ROBO/MSE THESIS APPROVAL FORM – ROBO 9990

**Name:**

**Penn ID: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

# Expected Date of Graduation (MM/YY):

# Planned First Semester of ROBO 5970 (Term & Year): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Planned Second Semester of ROBO 5970 (Term & Year):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Thesis Topic/Title:**

**Brief Description / Abstract:** (\*Feel free to include additional documents as needed on page 2)

***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 5970.

**Thesis Advisor(s):**

Thesis Advisor (Print Name):

# Thesis Advisor Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Co-Advisor (Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *\*Only needed if advisor is not a primary GRASP Faculty Member*

# Co-Advisor Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# Graduate Group Chair Signature:

Date

**Please email the completed form with advisor signature(s) prior to 1 week before add/drop deadline to** [**robo-coord@seas.upenn.edu**](mailto:robo-coord@seas.upenn.edu)

# ROBO Master's Thesis Enrollment, Registering & 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 5970/ 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. **We ask that this form is submitted to the ROBO Graduate Coordinator at least one week prior to the add/drop deadline of the semester for review.** Once the project is approved, the student will be notified and provided a course CRN number to enroll via Path at Penn. ***\*Please note: ROBO 5970 course sections are not listed on Path at Penn and a CRN number must be obtained to register.***

**At least 1 full week before the last day of classes during the student’s second semester of ROBO 5970**, the thesis needs to be approved by the student's thesis advisor, and then submitted to the ROBO Program Director for review, approval and to obtain the cover sheet signature. 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. 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/.** 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.