

This form documents an agreement to formalize an advising relationship between a PhD student and a research advisor. This agreement carries obligations on the part of both the student and the advisor.

For the student the obligation is to dedicate their time, effort, energy, and enthusiasm towards their research project and the research group that they are joining. Students must remain in good standing in the program, based on satisfying the milestones listed in the Doctoral Program Guide and making progress towards research objectives.

For the advisor the obligation is to provide academic advising, research mentorship, training and financial support of the student stipend (unless the student has outside support).

Both advisor and student are encouraged to maintain open lines of communication at all times. If this communication is challenging for any reason, please communicate with the Doctoral Program Director or the Department Chair.

Student name: _____ **signature:** _____

Advisor name: _____ **signature:** _____

Date: _____

When signed, it is the responsibility of the *Advisor* to give this form to Sharon Matlock in the CSE department office.