

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISOR/CO-ADVISOR FORM

Policy: Co-advisors for Physics Ph.D. Students Working with Faculty Outside of Physics/AP/SLAC

Physics graduate students have a wide range of research choices available to them, including working on a Physics-related program in a different department, with a research advisor who is not a member of the Physics Department. Students working with advisors outside Physics/Applied Physics/SLAC must have a co-advisor who is a faculty member in the Physics Department. A co-advisor serves two main roles: (i) acting as an official liaison for the student to the Physics Department and (ii) insuring that the student's dissertation has a physics component that is sufficient to allowing granting of a Ph.D. in Physics. The co-advisor also serves as the student's contact to the department for any academic issues that would be more appropriately dealt with by Physics, rather than a faculty member in another department.

Students should select the co-advisor as soon as he/she is no longer on rotation and has decided on a research program with an advisor in a department other than Physics. In any case, this should be no later than the end of the second year of graduate study. Students should complete the "Advisor/Co-Advisor" form (available in the Physics Main Office) and submit it to the Physics Student Services Officer, Maria Frank.

During the third year the student submits a one-page dissertation proposal on his/her research, including a description of the physics components, to Maria Frank. The proposal should have been reviewed, approved and signed by the student's research advisor and co-advisor.

From then on, the student is required to meet with his/her co-advisor on a yearly basis, although more frequent meetings are encouraged. During that annual meeting, the student submits a one-page progress report on research for co-advisor approval and signature. The form is given to the Maria Frank for placement in the student's file.

If, during the annual meeting, the co-advisor determines that the research no longer contains a significant physics component, the student will be warned that a Ph.D. in Physics may not be merited and he/she may need to transfer to the relevant department

Name: _____ Stanford University ID#: _____

Year of Graduate Study: _____

Advisor Name: _____ Advisor's Dept: _____

Advisor's Signature: _____
Date

Co-Advisor Name: _____

Co-Advisor's Signature: _____
Date

Entered into PS by: _____ Date: _____