



### Request for Approval to Withhold a Dissertation/Thesis from the Public Domain

<b>Student Name:</b>	<b>Student #:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Degree:</b>	<b>Graduate Program Name:</b>	
<b>Dissertation/Thesis Title:</b>		

As a graduate student at the University of British Columbia, I am requesting the College of Graduate Studies withhold my dissertation/thesis from the public domain for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months following its submission to the Faculty.\*

<b>Date of submission to the College of Graduate Studies:</b>
<b>Proposed date of release to the public domain:</b>

<b>Justification to withhold dissertation/thesis (attach additional pages if required):</b>
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*This memo, with original signatures, verifies that the request to withhold the above named dissertation/thesis from the public domain, has been reviewed and agreed to by the following:*

_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Name of Student</b>	<b>Signature of Student</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Date</b>
_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Name of Supervisor</b>	<b>Signature of Supervisor</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Date</b>
_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Name of Graduate Program Coordinator (or Designate)</b>	<b>Signature of Graduate Program Coordinator (or Designate)</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Date</b>

**The Faculty of Graduate Studies approves withholding the dissertation/thesis noted above.**

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<b>Name of Dean of Graduate Studies (or Designate)</b>	<b>Signature of Dean of Graduate Studies (or Designate)</b>	<b>Date</b>

\* If there is strong justification, the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies may agree to withhold the dissertation/thesis from the public domain for a limited period of time (typically 12 months, extendable to a maximum of 24 months in special circumstances). Justification may arise for example, when time is required for completion and submission of a significant manuscript or patent application for a device or idea that might emerge from the dissertation/thesis research; the dissertation/thesis might describe something of considerable monetary potential which could, if the student were given an opportunity to develop it first, benefit the student or the University; or the dissertation/thesis might deal with a potentially dangerous product or process or potential cure for a disease for which the researchers need more time for testing before public release of the information. This request must be made when the dissertation/thesis is first submitted to the College of Graduate Studies.