

**M.A Thesis Proposal Form (research-paper-based thesis)
Music Education/Music Theory**

**Department of Music Research
Schulich School of Music, McGill University**

This form should be submitted to the student's Supervisor(s) no later than the end of the third term of residence. Once the proposal has been approved by the Area, the Area Coordinator will forward it to the Graduate Studies Office.

Please see the Thesis tab in your specific program page for further instructions on content and deadlines.

Name:

Student Number

Year:

Program:

Thesis Title:

Supervisor(s):

Expected Date of Completion:

Supervisor's Signature(s): _____ **Date:** _____

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

A complete thesis proposal consists of the following elements:

Music Education:

The proposal for the paper will be two pages long with a bibliography (may be divided into two sections- one for each paper). The proposal will include a context or introduction; rationale; overarching research question; research questions for each paper; methodology (including format, how sources were searched, key areas of focus and keywords); and implications.

Music Theory:

The proposal for a portfolio thesis should identify the broader context of the papers, summarize each paper's research questions, methodology, and analytical results, and explain how the two papers relate to each other. The proposal should consist of up to two single-spaced pages of text, plus up to two additional pages of musical examples/figures and up to two pages of bibliography for both papers, either separate or, if appropriate, combined.

This form signed by the supervisor(s) and area coordinator.

Ethics Committee Approval

All research involving human subjects conducted at, or under the auspices of McGill University, must be reviewed and approved by the appropriate McGill Research Ethics Board (REB) before the research begins. Please refer to <http://www.mcgill.ca/research/compliance/human/> for details.

Ethics Committee Approval required: Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please attach a copy of your Application for Ethics Approval for Human Subject Research. If you have not yet applied, please indicate the date when you expect to submit it: _____

Approved by Area: _____
Date Signature of Area Coordinator