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**DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEE DECLARATION FORM**

After passing all the comprehensive examinations, but at least two weeks before defending the dissertation proposal, any PhD student in the Public Policy Program wishing to move forward to candidacy must organize a Doctoral Dissertation Committee by submitting this form. Students normally declare the membership of their doctoral dissertation committee when the dissertation proposal begins to take shape. The Doctoral Dissertation Committee is responsible for evaluating the oral defense of the dissertation proposal, for advising the student on the research and writing of the dissertation, and for approving the final oral defense of the dissertation itself. The Dissertation Committee normally consists of five members, at least three of whom (including the dissertation supervisor) must be members of the LBJ School's Graduate Studies Committee (GSC), and at least one of whom must be a member of a UT-Austin GSC outside of the LBJ School.

After successfully defending the dissertation proposal, the student formally submits a petition for candidacy to the UT Graduate School. That petition includes a form for officially declaring the membership of the doctoral dissertation committee before the Graduate School. Changing the composition of the Dissertation Committee after it has been officially approved by the Graduate School can only be accomplished by special petition to the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School with the approval of the LBJ School's PhD Graduate Adviser and Graduate Adviser. Any such changes must be made well in advance (approximately 6 weeks) of the dissertation defense.

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**Please submit this form to the PhD Graduate Adviser.**

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PhD Graduate Adviser

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