



THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

D.Min. Research Thesis Option

Office of Professional Doctoral Studies

The D.Min. Research Thesis is an option for Doctor of Ministry students with exceptional writing and research skills. Students must apply for permission to present a D.Min. Research Thesis in place of the Ministry Research Project by submitting a *D.Min. Research Thesis Request*.

The *D.Min. Research Thesis Request* should include:

- 1) Completed *D.Min. Research Thesis Request Form*.
- 2) A 10-15 page sample research paper including footnotes and a bibliography. This should be an exemplary paper that displays evidence of the following: (1) a clear thesis statement supported throughout the paper; (2) exceptional writing; and (3) superb research skills.
- 3) A 1 page abstract which includes the potential thesis title, thesis statement, and the general direction of the work.

The Office of Professional Doctoral Studies and an SBTS faculty member from the student's area of study will review the submitted Thesis Request. Following their review, the Professional Doctoral Studies Office will inform the student whether the thesis request has been approved or denied.

The submission and approval of these documents *does not* constitute approval of a Research Thesis Proposal. Approval of the Thesis Request permits the D.Min. student to write and submit a Research Thesis Proposal in coordination with participation in the appropriate 80600: Project/Thesis Methodology course.



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Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

D.Min. Concentration: _____

Requested Supervisor: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Proposed Thesis Title: _____

Student Signature

Your signature indicates that the work you have submitted is your own.

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Approved:

Denied:

Comments:

Area Professor

Director of Professional Doctoral Studies