

Request for Service as a Doctoral Independent Reviewer (Content Expert)

I, _____ (Doctoral Candidate), hereby request the service of _____ (Doctoral Independent Reviewer Candidate) as a Faculty Reviewer on my Doctoral Dissertation Committee.

The roles and responsibilities of an Independent Reviewer include, but are not limited to:

Independent Reviewer responsibilities include:

- Collaborating with Faculty Mentor throughout Dissertation process to provide overall guidance about the acceptability of the research
- Assisting Doctoral Candidates in conceptualizing the research issues, preparing a literature review that provides a comprehensive summary of current knowledge and identifies the gap therein
- Assisting the candidate in identifying the research topic based on gaps from the literature
- Assisting in identifying all variables and potential relationships
- Assisting in the selection of an appropriate theoretical foundation
- Assisting in articulating a clearly defined research question
- Assisting in establishing the significance of the topic and the potential of the study to contribute to positive social change
- Providing feedback on the degree to which assumptions and limitations impact upon the research conclusions
- Providing feedback on comprehensiveness of the literature review and theoretical base of the study
- Providing feedback on the potential for research outcomes to contribute to positive social change
- Providing feedback on the overall significance of the research findings or outcomes

The Doctoral Independent Reviewer may be a visiting scholar or faculty member representing a different program or another field of study. Selection of the Independent Reviewer should consider the relative fields or sciences involved in the research study. For instance, if the study were based upon the teaching field in psychology, medicine, business, or criminal justice, an instructor involved in the relative discipline would provide valuable input.

I have read and understand the above requirements and agree to serve as an Independent Reviewer on the Doctoral Dissertation Committee for the Doctoral Candidate named above.

Independent Reviewer Candidate Signature

Date

I agree that I have requested that the candidate named above will serve as an Independent Reviewer for my Doctoral Dissertation Committee.

Doctoral Candidate Signature

Date

