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## **Master's Thesis Authorization Form**

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## IMPORTANT GUIDELINES FOR MASTER'S THESIS

- To qualify for a thesis, students need: at least a 3.75 GPA after completing 6 courses and a B+ or better in each foundational course. If a student was exempted from a foundational course, the course does not need to be taken.
- ❖ To apply, students should submit this form to their advisor, Betty Tsang (<a href="mailto:betty.tsang@nyu.edu">betty.tsang@nyu.edu</a> or CIWW 326) or James Paguyo (<a href="mailto:paguyo@cs.nyu.edu">paguyo@cs.nyu.edu</a> or CIWW 324). If the DGS approves the request, the student should register up to 6 credits of MS thesis work. The advisor will give the student a permission number to register.
- Students must find a full-time Department of Computer Science faculty member with whom to do the thesis.
- ❖ The thesis must satisfy the following criteria: It must be original research or design/implementation. The work must be equivalent to that of two regular MS courses. The thesis must result in a high-quality document of 30-50 pages or more.
- The thesis must be read and approved by two full-time Department of Computer Science faculty members, one of whom is the thesis advisor, by the last day of classes for the semester in which the student plans to graduate.
- ❖ If satisfactorily completed, the thesis will count towards the capstone requirement of the MSCS Degree Requirements.
- ❖ We encourage students to publish their thesis on our departmental website. Once completed, students should speak to their thesis advisors about having the thesis posted on the web. If the thesis advisor approves, he or she should contact the DGS to request that the thesis be added to the departmental webpage.