

Appendix 2: Promotion To The Doctoral Program Without Completion Of The Master's

1. For students in Departments or Programs in the Humanities and Social Sciences

It is to be emphasized that acceleration of a student into a Ph.D. program without completing the Master's program should be reserved for exceptional students. Students may be accelerated from

- that has the potential to be developed into a Ph.D. research project/dissertation.
6. Must meet departmental program criteria for demonstrating promise and ability at research, which must be supported by documentation. Examples of evidence of research ability and/or potential could be:
 - publications (conference or journal)
 - undergraduate research experience
 - letter(s) of support from current supervisor and/or graduate course instructors

Students shall qualify for promotion at the Department or Program level according to the approved policies and procedures of the Department or Program. Then the request for promotion will be submitted to the Chair of Science Graduate Council for review and approval. If the student is from the same Department or Program as the Chair, the request shall be reviewed for approval by the Associate Chair.

The Department or program shall submit all materials outlining the case for promotion to the Chair of Science Graduate Council/c/o the School of Graduate Studies for review and decision. Required materials are:

1. All undergraduate and graduate transcripts (photocopies of originals are acceptable)
2. A letter of support from the Department Graduate Coordinator or Department Head
3. A letter from the student to acknowledge that he/she agrees with the proposal to promote him/her.
4. A letter of support from the current research supervisor that addresses the student's outstanding research potential, as well as a statement of expected financial support and evidence that the current Master's project has the potential to be developed into a PhD research project/dissertation.
5. At least one other letter of support from a supervisor.

revert to the master's program within the same department/program in exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the supervisor(s), the department/program and the School of Graduate Studies.