

**U.S. Naval War College  
College of Distance Education (Code 1G)  
Graduate Degree Program Manager  
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**Directed Research Project Proposal Form**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Area of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Credits (2 or 3 semester credit hours): \_\_\_\_\_

The student should attach to this form (either physically or electronically) his or her written Directed Research Project (DRP) proposal. The proposal shall include the following:

**Research Question:** This is a statement, in the form of a question, that is descriptive of the problem/issue the paper will address.

**Research Importance:** In a paragraph or two, this section provides the context for the research and illustrates the relevance of the proposed line of research. It should squarely place the research question within an issue directly related to the student's Area of Study.

**Research Thesis:** This is a working statement that answers the research question or proposes a solution to the problem.

**Research Approach:** In a paragraph or two, describe how the paper will answer the research question.

**Key References:** After conducting an initial review of the literature, identify at least ten key references that will be relied upon to conduct initial research.

Date the completed DRP paper and Sponsor's Grade Sheet with comments are to be submitted to the GDP Program Manager via email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: students are responsible to coordinate with their sponsors a timeline that will allow DRP completion by the stated due date.)

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Student signature and date

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Sponsor signature and date

Recommendation: Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Graduate Degree Program Manager

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Date

Final Approval: Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

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Dean, College of Distance Education

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Date