UCSD Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry

MS Thesis Agreement Form

1. Each MS student who would like to transfer from the MS Coursework Program to the MS Thesis Program must complete and submit this MS Thesis Agreement Form to the Graduate Coordinator a minimum of 1 week prior to the enrollment deadline for the relevant quarter. This form must be signed by the student, Research Advisor, and the M.S. First Year Advisor.

2. Attach a description of your proposed thesis project, written entirely in your own words. The description should be at least two well-written paragraphs, and include relevant background, scientific questions, and goals for the project. It may also include prior findings from the group. The description must be reviewed by your proposed Research Advisor. Grades are given on an S/U basis.

Student Name: ____________________________________________  Date: __________________

Student Signature ____________________________________________  Date: __________________

Upon signature, the research advisor agrees to the following stipulations:

☐ Research advisor agrees to accept the student listed below as an MS student in his/her group and approve of the proposed thesis project (student to attach to this form).
☐ Research advisor will not be on sabbatical leave or absent from campus for any significant time during any quarter of the proposed project.
☐ Research advisor understands that the normative time to complete the MS Thesis is 1.5 years, although teaching duties may increase this time.
☐ Research Advisor understands that there is no guarantee of financial support made to MS students, but that the student may be provided a teaching or research assistantship position in the department after doctoral students have been accommodated.

Research Advisor Name: _______________________________________  Date: __________________

Research Advisor Signature: ____________________________________  Date: __________________

M.S. Advisor Signatures ________________________________________ Date: __________________