

## Ph.D. Supervisory Committee

In order to provide Ph.D. students with additional advisement and mentoring throughout their residency, in addition to what is typically offered by their direct supervisor(s), a *Ph.D. Supervisory Committee* (for short, *Supervisory Committee*) shall be established for every student. This committee must be established within the student's first 6 months from the start of their doctoral program.

### The *Supervisory Committee* shall consist of:

- The supervisor (or supervisors, in case of co-supervision);
- a minimum of two (2) faculty members, other than the supervisors, that are members of Ryerson University's YSGS, with at least one of whom from (and/or with expertise in) the same area of research in which the student will be conducting their research; and at least one YSGS faculty member from within the student's program
- The *Associate Chair for Graduate Studies* or his/her designate, as the Chair of the Committee.

Once the membership of the committee is established, the student's **supervisor shall complete the *Ph.D. Supervisory Committee Approval form*** and submit it to *Graduate Program Assistant* for review and approval of the *Associate Chair for Graduate Studies*.

### The *Supervisory Committee* is to:

- serve on the *Ph.D. Candidacy Examination Committee*.
- meet, at a minimum, once per year with the student, to get an update on progress and a summary of a plan going forward while also providing guidance and mentoring;
- submit a yearly report by completing the *Annual Report of the PhD Supervisory Committee* section (the last page) of the *Graduate Student Progress Report*, based on the progress that the student has reported in the aforementioned meeting;
- comprise the internal membership of the student's internal and final doctoral dissertation committees.