



Letter of agreement template

Organization Participating in the Study

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Roles and Responsibilities

The graduate student, Thesis Sponsor and Thesis Supervisor agree to participate in the successful completion of the proposed research.

Thesis Description, Action Steps and Milestones

The thesis goals, process and anticipated outcomes are described in the Thesis proposal. (The Thesis proposal highlights the activities to be completed, the study milestones and the involvement of the XYZ Company and their employees.)

Confidentiality

The Athabasca University graduate student agrees to honour individual and corporate confidentiality and non-disclosure guidelines. The XYZ Company agrees to allow the graduate student every opportunity to canvas and collect data from individuals and groups identified in the research proposal.

XYZ Company Thesis participants will be asked to formally acknowledge that the information they provide to the student will be handled in a confidential and privileged manner, as described in the Athabasca University Research Ethics Policy.

Intellectual Property

XYZ Company agrees that the final Thesis and supporting materials will remain the intellectual property of the author (graduate student). XYZ Company agrees that the graduate student has the rights to freely publish and defend the results of the research. The commercial potential of all products or/and the possible publications from the thesis will be assessed upon completion of the research and if deemed necessary, mutually agreeable arrangements will be identified to exploit the product in the commercial marketplace or to format the Thesis for publication.

Deliverables

The graduate student will provide XYZ Company a copy of the final Thesis. In addition, he/she will provide formal briefings to individuals or groups identified by the contact person/Thesis Sponsor.

Company Commitment

XYZ Company agrees to provide the graduate student with the following support: photocopying, mail, phone, workspace, access to relevant records or data, access to individuals and groups essential to the completion of the thesis and other items identified throughout the conduct of the research.

Endorsement

We, the undersigned agree to abide by the arrangements and statements contained in this letter of agreement.

Graduate Student signature

Date

Thesis Sponsor signature

Date