

Second-Year Paper Agreement (All dates refer to the academic year 2011-2012)

This form must be submitted to the Graduate Research Seminar (ECO 4060) instructors by Feb 15, the date of the last class before reading week. The signatures indicate that the student and faculty member have agreed to work together on the second-year paper, and that both are aware of the requirements and deadlines (available on the 4060 web site). You should meet regularly with your supervisor but, at a minimum, the School of Graduate Studies (SGS) requires that you meet with your supervisor in person at least three times by 1 September of your second year in ECO 4060. To meet this requirement, you and your supervisor are advised to keep track of the dates of your meetings.

The second-year paper must be an original contribution to knowledge supervised by a member of the graduate faculty. It must not have been submitted for another course. It should be written in a style suitable for journal submission. The paper should be well-motivated and well-written, its contribution to the literature should be made clear, and the theoretical and empirical work must be correct and should be clearly explained. A draft of the paper must be submitted to the instructors of ECO 4060 no later than 1 September. If the draft shows inadequate progress, the student may be asked to leave the program.

All papers must be presented first in the Graduate Research Seminar and then in the relevant department workshop no later than December. The second-year paper supervisor agrees to help the student define a research project, to provide feedback on the research, to provide clear goals of what needs to be done to complete the project, and to organize the presentation in the relevant department workshop. It is expected that the second-year paper supervisor will attend the second year paper proposal and presentation in ECO 4060 as well as the relevant workshop presentation. However, final responsibility for completing the second-year paper rests with the student. The Graduate Chair (with the advice of the second-year supervisor, the instructors of ECO 4060, and the members of the relevant department workshop where the paper is presented) is responsible for deciding if the paper and the workshop presentation meet the department's standard.

Students who fail to fulfill the second-year paper requirements by December of their third-year will be deemed as not making satisfactory progress toward the degree and may be asked to leave the program.

Student Name:

Signature:

Date:

Supervisor's Name:

Signature:

Date:

Tentative Title for the Second-Year Paper: