



**PhD-908 - Literature Review I**

This contract should be reviewed with the faculty advisor and approved by both the student and the advisor before proceeding with the tutorial. You must submit this contract, with advisor approval to the registrar to register for part one of your Literature Review.

Following completion of PHD-908: Literature Review I, students will need to register for PHD-909: Literature Review II the following semester.

Starting in the summer, students should work with their faculty advisor to begin discussions on the Literature Review contract. Time will be built into the fall intensive orientation weeks to meet with your advisor, finalize the tutorial, and complete the registration process.

Title of Literature Review: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Dates: \_\_\_\_\_  
(students must meet with their advisor a minimum of four times)

- Outcomes of Literature Review I
  - To draft a 5-10 page broad summary of literature relevant to your research interest (due first half of fall semester) and develop the relevant annotated bibliography or bibliographies (due end fall term)
  
- Requirements of Tutorial activities:
  - Meet with faculty advisor during the fall intensive orientation, then at least monthly over the semester
  - Identify the relevant disciplines, areas, and literatures
  - Begin systematic reviews with the goal of developing bibliographies as comprehensive as possible (which will be continuously revised through your program of study)
  - Begin reading widely but strategically in these bibliographies
  - Begin annotating & note-taking, with increasing depth (from skimming to critical reading) in areas
  - Begin grouping, mapping, and organizing the materials in preparation for two comprehensive exams
  - Begin and then continually refine your research problem and sub-problems
  - Identify and refine a thesis with the various literatures you are working with and, as appropriate, explore presentation or publication possibilities with your faculty advisor regarding your final paper

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_