



### **PhD-909 - Literature Review II**

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.

Students must have successfully completed PHD-908: Literature Review I, before they can enroll in PHD-909: Literature Review II.

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

Meeting Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

(students must meet with their advisor a minimum of four times)

- Outcomes of Literature Review II
  - To draft an initial literature review of approximately 7000 words, with thesis statement and clear line of argument that makes a case from the literature for 1) why your tentative research problem and sub-problems represent an opportunity for an original contribution and 2) a theoretical or conceptual framework that you expect might be most useful in helping you make this contribution.
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_