

**PETITION FOR CONDITIONAL APPROVAL TO TAKE PRELIMS
FOR MASTER STUDENTS WITH GPA > 3.5**

The department rules require a minimum GPA of 3.5 for students to be in the Ph.D. program. As such, students with GPAs lower than 3.5 are not eligible to take prelims. This petition is for conditional approval for such students to take the Ph.D. preliminary examination. This form should be completed at the beginning of the quarter, each M.S. student will sign up for the Preliminary Examination.

Student Name: _____ UID#: _____ Current GPA: _____

Email Address: _____ Advisor: _____ Date: _____

Major Area: Ceramics and Ceramic Processing Electronic and Optical Materials
 Structural Materials Soft Materials Computational Materials Science

Quarter and year started current degree program (e.g., Fall 2002): _____

Quarter and year that is taking the Preliminary Examination: _____

Total of graduate courses completed toward to the Master Program: _____

Please read the following conditions that will in general apply to approval of this petition:

1-This petition will be subject to the condition that your GPA is at least 3.5 at the start of the quarter in which the examination is held. Furthermore, if your petition is approved and you are permitted to participate in the Ph.D. Preliminary Examination, then a positive (successful) outcome in the examination becomes void if your GPA is not at least 3.5 at the end of the quarter in which the exam was taken.

2-Student will be subject to opt-out the MSE M.S. Program and to complete a Petition to the Ph.D program on the following quarter after his/her Prelim positive results is announced. Please note also that a voided result still counts towards the limit of two participations by the student in the Ph.D. Preliminary Examination.

3- The Faculty advisor will commit to provide financial support during the first year of the student Ph.D program starting on the quarter that the Petition to change program is approved by Graduate Division Dean. Financial support could include GSR, TA positions or any fellowship awarded-domestic/international.

Please check the box to indicate that you have read and agree to the above conditions.

I affirm that I have read and agree with the preceding conditions under which this petition will be approved.

_____/_____
Signature of **Student** Date

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Signature of **Student's Faculty Advisor** Date

_____/_____
Signature of **Vice-Chair of the Graduate Studies** Date

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APPROVED subject to the conditions listed above and the following additional condition(s):

DENIED