Indiana University Bloomington
Department of Information and Library Science
Z703 Doctoral Research Practicum
II Approval Form

Student Name: ___________________________  Student ID# ____________
(please print)

Title of Project: __________________________
(please print)

Supervising ILS Faculty Member: __________________________
(please print)

Scheduled for __________________________ Session ____________
(Fall, Spring) (Year)

Z701 completed __________________________
(Semester/Year) (Instructor)

Z702 completed __________________________
(Semester/Year) (Instructor)

Description of Project
(please attach separate sheet)

Specification of student's responsibilities, including specific outcomes and/or products
(please attach separate sheet)

- Email approval is needed.

- The student should have approval by
  
  (1) their supervising faculty member, and by
  
  (2) the Director of the ILS Doctoral Program.
All ILS doctoral students are required to take two 3-credit research practica that must begin within two semesters after completing Z701. During each practicum, the student will assist an ILS faculty member in some ongoing aspect of his or her research.

The objective of the research practicum is to expose the doctoral student to the experience of research in ILS. This may mean that an individual will work on a project that is not directly concerned with his or her individual research interests. Specific practica will be available according to the individual faculty who are willing to work on them. Students have the option of suggesting research topics to faculty; however, the students are obligated to choose from among the available practica if no other options can be arranged. The acceptance of a doctoral student is at the discretion of the faculty member. Students may not defer practica based solely on the availability of offerings during a semester.

The two semesters must be taken during the first three consecutive semesters during which the student is enrolled following Z701. Consecutive in this context refers to consecutive Spring and Fall semesters. Students may elect to take one practicum during the summer provided they receive written permission from the practicum coordinator. Only one semester of research practicum may be taken by a student in summer.

Students are not normally allowed to work independently on research topics for Z702 or Z703. Students work on independent research during the Z710 course.

Authorization is required before registering in Z702 or Z703. Before registration can be authorized, the student must submit to the ILS Ph.D. Recorder a written plan for the course that has been approved and signed by the student’s sponsoring faculty member and the Director of the Doctoral Program.

The practicum course has no lectures or scheduled class time. Students meet throughout the semester with their sponsoring faculty member to work on their joint research project and discuss their experiences.

A publishable paper is not a requirement for successful completion of Z702 or Z703. However, some projects undertaken in the research practica may lead to a paper that may be submitted for publication.

For more information, see the Z702/Z703 Research Practicum Full Guidelines on the ILS website.