

# CELL AND DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY GRADUATE PROGRAM

## Petition to waive the two first author publication policy

Currently, CDB policy states that "...as a minimum, a student's thesis research should culminate in publication of at least two articles in peer-reviewed journals for which the student is first author. At minimum, one should be accepted for publication, if not already in press, while the other can be at the 'submitted' stage."

If a student believes that an exception to this policy should be made, they may petition the Program Director to waive the requirement. This form serves as the formal document to initiate those proceedings. Note: the program recommends scheduling defenses 3-6 months in advance of the date. Therefore, this petition should be turned in no less than 6 months before the target defense date.

### Instructions:

1. The student, together with the primary dissertation mentor, should provide a short statement explaining why an exception should be granted.
2. The statement should be shared with all members of the student's dissertation committee.
3. Signatures are required from the student and all members of the dissertation committee. The committee member should indicate their position to the petition next to their signature.
4. The final decision is made by the CDB Program Director.

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Petition:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please explain why an exception to the CDB 2-paper policy should be granted (300 words or less):**

**Signatures:**

*By signing below, you are attesting that you have read the above statement. Please indicate your position on the petition for exception to the two first author publication policy.*

Agree	Do not agree		Printed Name	Signature	Date
		<i>Student</i>			
		<i>Primary Mentor</i>			
		<i>Committee Chair (if not primary mentor)</i>			
		<i>Committee Member</i>			
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**Program Director:**

Permission granted	Permission denied	Printed Name	Signature	Date