**IIP Process**

**Applicant**
- Meets with the Director of Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs to discuss their ideas for an IIP dissertation.
- Selects faculty to be on their committee.
- Works on assembling a proposal.
- Downloads checklist and makes sure the committee has all the information needed.
- Provides GRE scores, TOEFL scores (if applicable), transcripts, Curriculum Vitae, letter of intent, letters of recommendation, completed checklist as a cover sheet, IIP proposal to the committee chair.
- Fills applyweb application.

**Applicant's Committee**
- Review application materials assembled by the applicant.
- Meets with the Director of Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs to discuss their expertise in meeting the student's IIP goals and objectives.
- Each member submits a letter of commitment to the Chair.
- Fills out the Applicant's Committee Checklist.
- The chair takes the application packet to the Graduate School.

**Graduate School**
- Director of Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs works closely with the student and their Chair to develop the IIP proposal and application.
- Receives application, both the one from committee Chair and the online one from applyweb.
- Scans documents.
- Sends it to IIP Admissions Committee.
- The Dean of the Graduate School and the Director of Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs make the final decision to accept or deny student to the IIP program, based on the IIP Admission's committee recommendation.
- Informs the student of acceptance, provisional acceptance, or denial.
The IIP Process involves multiple stakeholders:

- **Applicant**: Generates an idea for a doctorate level research project that combines different disciplines and which cannot be accomplished in a traditional Ph.D. program at UM.

- **Director of Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs**: Meets with the applicant early on and helps him/her understand the process and the nuances required for an IIP degree.

- **Applicant's Prospective Committee**: Identifies five faculty who have the expertise to help him/her accomplish the dissertation research project(s). Faculty might be learning about the topic together with the applicant, who eventually becomes the expert in the topic.

- **Graduate School**: Provides the applicant with information on how to apply to the IIP program. Forwards application packet to IIP Admissions committee.

- **IIP Admissions Committee**: Reviews the IIP application forwarded by the Graduate School. Makes final deliberation on recommendation to accept, provisionally accept, or deny IIP application.

- **Director of Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs**: Coordinates and attends meetings with the student and their committee Chair, the full committee, and the IIP Admissions Chair.

- **Graduate School**: Receives IIP Admissions committee recommendation and makes final decision to fully accept, provisionally accept, or deny IIP application. Notifies student and their committee Chair of admissions decision.

- **Applicant and Prospective Committee**: Work together to create an IIP proposal. Committee Chair delivers application packet to the Graduate School.