

CALS Honors in Research First-Year Requirements¹

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Student ID #: _____ Major: _____

Mentor Name: _____ Mentor Department: _____

By the end of the 1st year:

Students should find a mentor and get involved in a research project.

Expected Activities:

1. Identify a mentor
2. Identify a general area of research
3. Begin to become familiar with common research tools, language, and processes through engagement in a research activity (such as reading, lab work, field work, etc).
4. There should be frequent interactions with the mentor or the research group associated with the mentor.
5. Maintain a 3.25 GPA

Required Documentation:

By **May 1** of the first year, the student must submit a one page letter, attached to this form, to the CALS Honors Dean in 116 Agricultural Hall, answering the following questions:

1. What is the general area/s of study for your research group? (e.g. role of stem cells in disease prevention; the genetic bases of diabetes; effect of storm water runoff on lake toxicity; movements of wolf populations using remote sensing; demographic change in rural areas of Wisconsin)
2. What have you done so far? (e.g. reading literature to become more informed; learning basic laboratory procedures; learning to use specific techniques and protocols for the laboratory; being a part of working group seminars or journal clubs)

Your signature below indicates that the information provided in the coversheet and attached document are true to the best of your knowledge.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mentor Signature: _____ Date: _____

¹N.B. For students intending to complete the honors program in 3 years rather than 4, it is permissible to combine the first and second-year letters. Please attach both the first and second-year cover sheets.