

CALS Honors in Research Third-Year Requirements¹

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Student ID #: _____ Major: _____

Mentor Name: _____ Mentor Department: _____

By the end of the 3rd year:

Students should show involvement in a community of science & prepare a thesis proposal.

Expected Activities:

1. Participate in InterAg 388 (offered only in fall semester) or participate in an activity external to their research project that helps them grow as researchers. In this case, students must describe how this experience provides similar professional growth or participation in an ongoing research community.
2. Prepare a thesis proposal suitable in content, length, and format to the field in which the research is being conducted.
3. Apply for funding to support the senior honors thesis research. CALS and campus deadlines are typically in mid-February of each year and are posted on the CALS Honors website along with application materials. Off-campus funding may be available in certain cases. Applications for funding are not strictly required, but are strongly recommended.
4. Maintain a 3.25 GPA

Required Documentation:

By **May 1** of junior year the student must submit a five-page document, attached to this form, to the CALS Honors Dean in 116 Agricultural Hall. This document should give a very brief description of the student's research accomplishments to date (i.e., the experiences and skills that have prepared the student to pursue the thesis) and should report on plans for the senior thesis, including a short description of the topic and an outline of the proposed research. Alternatively, a student may prepare a one-page description of research accomplishments to date and attach a copy of the thesis proposal used to apply for research funding.

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.