

CALS Honors in Research Second-Year Requirements¹

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Student ID #: _____ Major: _____

Mentor Name: _____ Mentor Department: _____

Date of Presentation: _____

By the end of the 2nd year:

Students should begin to understand the background for a particular issue or question, and to simultaneously begin to develop the tools to study this issue.

Expected Activities:

1. Conduct an introductory research project
2. Continue development of research skills (For experimental sciences this might involve reading the scientific literature, but primary emphasis is on developing laboratory skills through interaction with the faculty & other scientists. In the social sciences it might involve reading the literature, as well as beginning the types of data acquisition & analysis or other personal involvement appropriate to the discipline).
3. Near the end of the year, present the research results in an appropriate research forum to an informed audience such as a poster session at a local meeting or symposium, or an oral presentation to the mentor's research group.
4. There should be frequent interactions with the mentor or his/her research group.
5. Maintain a 3.25 GPA

Required Documentation:

By **May 1** of the second year, the student must submit a 1-2 page letter, attached to this form, to the CALS Honors Dean in 116 Agricultural Hall. Briefly identify and describe the research skills you learned this last year. (e.g. techniques for analysis; specific understandings from reading literature, seminar participation, etc.). Include reference to where you learned these skills (e.g., an Independent study 299 or 289 under direction of your mentor; a project that is not for course credit, Inter Ag 250, Bot/Zoo 152 PLUS an independent project (either 289 or 299), etc.).

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.