

## PROGRAM IN BIOLOGY UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CO-SPONSORSHIP FORM

- Independent research is defined as a lab, field, or modeling project in which the student will have a say in the design, carrying out, and interpretation of experiments. It is expected that the student will meet regularly with his or her mentor, and will also gain exposure to the scientific literature of the field. It is recognized that many research projects will begin with a semester during which the student is mainly learning experimental techniques. Experiences that are strictly technical or clinical are not eligible for independent research credit, but it is appropriate for the student to receive credit for independent research during a term he or she is mainly learning techniques, as long as the project is structured in a way that will eventually lead to independence. Students can register for Biology 200, EEB or MCDB 300, or EEB or MCDB 400, depending on their prior experience. **Students should read the Policies for Independent Research thoroughly to determine the exact course number and the number of credits that can be used to fulfill requirements in the various concentrations offered through the Program in Biology.**
- A student wishing to receive credit toward his or her concentration for research done under the direction of a faculty member in another department or unit of the University must obtain approval from a faculty member in the Department of EEB or MCDB, who agrees to serve as co-sponsor **before** beginning the project. A co-sponsor is needed whether or not the student will register for EEB or MCDB 300 or 400, or for a course in another department.
- A prospective co-sponsor will verify that the proposed research meets all of the criteria required of research carried out within the Department of EEB or MCDB. To facilitate reaching a judgment on this question, **the student must give their co-sponsor a one-page (double spaced) research proposal.** The faculty co-sponsor will use this proposal to decide if the proposed research meets the departmental criteria for independent research. In particular, the co-sponsor will be responsible for deciding
  - the appropriateness of the nature of the research, and
  - that the project will help the student develop independence, and is not simply a technical training exercise.

Student Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Student UMID # \_\_\_\_\_ Course & Section # \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the above policies and agree that the experience that I will provide in my lab meets them.

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read the student's research proposal, and agree to co-sponsor the project.** I have also made arrangements with the sponsor as to how registration and grading will be handled.

Co-sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_