

RESEARCH AGREEMENT

Date _____

The Gatton Academy encourages students to participate in mentored research projects. Completion of two full semesters of research or more is promoted for richer projects and greater learning. Likewise, students are encouraged to use their research to produce academic outcomes as possible, such as conference presentations, entry to scientific competitions, and publication. As a means to document their work, students are required to have this Research Agreement signed by the WKU faculty member who has agreed to mentor their project. A new Research Agreement form is required each new semester.

Research Mentor:

Thank you for providing a Gatton Academy student mentorship to perform research under your supervision. By signing below, you agree to oversee a research project for the semester (credit-offering or not at your and your department's discretion—see below) for a Gatton Academy student.

Research Supplies Grants are available for WKU faculty who mentor a Gatton Academy student. This \$250/per academic year/per student award funds research supplies to benefit your work with an Academy student. The funds are limited; application cycles start each July 1 until funds are exhausted. Likewise, if Academy students have the opportunity to travel for conference presentations, the school assists with their expenses through a limited funding resource. Applications are at www.wku.edu/academy.

Approximately how many hours per week should the student plan to dedicate to their research project?

1-3 hrs. 3-5 hrs. 5-7 hrs. 7-10 hrs.

Credit: There are no requirements or expectations that research should be offered for academic credit. Most departments that do award credit for projects award 1 credit hour per semester of work completed. If it is before the drop/add date of each new semester, please mark below if the student should be added into a research section at 1, 2, or 3 hours. Credit is awarded at the discretion of the research mentor and department. Your department likely offers a section for independent research, but if not, Academy students can be registered in an HON 303: Independent Research section if the appropriate paperwork is into the Honors College by the semester drop/add date.

Will this project be offered for credit? Yes No Already past drop/add date

-If Yes, how many hours of credit? 1hr. 2hrs. 3hrs.

-If Yes, which course section should be used? (ex: Chem 299) _____ CRN _____

Is a research outcome, such as a conference presentation, poster, or publication possible from this project? Is it expected of the student? Check as appropriate. Possible Expected Not Possible

Research Mentor (Please Print)

Signature, Discipline (Chem, Phys, etc.)

Gatton Academy Student:

The student agrees 1.) set aside regularly-scheduled time weekly to their project and 2.) meet the expectations of their research mentor as best as possible

WKU ID #

Academy Student (Please Print)

Signature

Gatton Academy--Assistant Director, Academic Services:

Agrees to periodically monitor the research of this student by keeping in contact with the student and research mentor throughout the semester.

Sam Earls, Assistant Director, Academic Services

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****Return this form to Sam Earls, Gatton Academy, Florence Schneider Hall 142
when signed by research mentor and student.****