Contract for Research in Biological Sciences
DEADLINE for registration: Third Friday of each semester
**We encourage applicants (particularly 1st time applicants) to not wait until the deadline*** Please register in person with the Director of Advising (biology.rutgers.edu/advising).

Student Name ________________________________ RU ID# ________________________________
Student RU Email: ____________________________ Current Overall GPA______________________ (2.8 Required)

Student: Please attach a one page research proposal, written by you, to this application.
*The proposal must have a description of the background information necessary to understand and justify the work, a specific hypothesis to be tested, a detailed description of the data that you will collect, and a prediction about the results you will obtain.
*The proposal should also justify the number of credits for which you would like to register.
*Please see Dr. Carr-Schmid and http://biology.rutgers.edu/biological-sciences/research for further information

Student: Please read carefully and initial:
_____ I understand my project must be approved by the Director of Advising for Biological Sciences and revisions of my proposal may be required before I can be registered.
_____ I must test a specific hypothesis and collect data in order to support or refute that hypothesis.
_____ I must work at least 4-5 hours per week per credit.
_____ I may not be financially compensated or receive credit through another department/program for any hours that I am applying toward my Research in Biology credit hours.
_____ I am aware I am required to submit a rough draft of the paper one week in advance of the due date to my research mentor and to the course Canvas site.
_____ I am aware that I must submit a minimum 10 page written, graded paper (for guidelines, see http://biology.rutgers.edu/biological-sciences/research or course Canvas site) this is due, graded by my research supervisor, by 5pm of the second (or only) reading day at the end of the semester and must be submitted to both the Canvas site and to Nelson B112.
_____ I understand the requirements for Research in Biology and will review the specifics on the Canvas course site.

STUDENT’S SIGNATURE ___________________________ DATE ____________

Circle the appropriate course number (ask the advisor if you have questions)      # Credits (1-4)

Faculty Research Advisor’s Name ____________________________________________________________
Faculty Advisor’s Unit & Department _____________________________________________________ phone # _____________________________

Email address: ________________________________________________________________

Faculty: Please read carefully and initial:
_____ I understand that students conducting research in the Biological Sciences must test a specific hypothesis and must collect data. Studies with human subjects are not permitted. Group projects are also not permitted.
_____ I understand that students must complete a rough draft and final 10 page research manuscript and that I must submit a grade for this paper by email to Dr. Carr-Schmid. It is the responsibility of the student to provide me with the grading form and rubric from the course Canvas site with a copy of the paper to review.
_____ It is the student's responsibility to provide me with the rough draft and final paper in a timely manner in order to meet the deadline to have it ready for submission and graded by the second (or only) reading day at the end of the semester.
_____ The grade in the research course is determined both by the quality of the student's lab work and by the quality of the paper.
_____ Students are expected to work at least 4-5 hours per week per credit and may not apply paid or research for credit through other departments toward their Research in Biology hours requirement.
_____ Work that is mostly a literature review should be registered as an Independent Study 119:201 or 202. Please email the Biological Sciences advisor (schmid@biology.rutgers.edu) if you have any additional questions.

Faculty Advisor’s Signature: ____________________________________________________________ Date _________________

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