

George H. Cook Scholars

Application for Biological Sciences Departmental Honors

Student Name: _____ RU ID#: _____

Overall GPA: _____ Bio GPA: _____ Student Email Address: _____

Students who are enrolled in **George H. Cook** projects and wish to be considered for **Departmental Honors** must have the project approved by the Division of Life Sciences. All applications must be submitted to the Division of Life Sciences no later than the third Friday of the Fall Semester.

The Division of Life Sciences Office of Undergraduate Instruction is located at:

Office: Nelson Bldg., Room B-112, Busch Campus

Phone: (848) 445-2075

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Honors in Biology is intended to provide highly motivated students with an opportunity to immerse themselves in a scientific research project. Students engage in laboratory or field experimentation under the direct supervision of a faculty mentor. Each student is expected to complete their own original research project. Direct laboratory exposure is an essential component of this course.

Student: Please initial after reading the requirements for fulfilling Honors in Biology with GH Cook Research:

_____ A **minimum 3.4 BioSci GPA and 3.0 GPA overall is required to receive honors.**

_____ A **minimum of 6 credits (3 fall/3 spring) of GH COOK research** during senior year.

_____ A **written 30-50 page thesis** (according to guidelines to be provided to the student).

_____ An **oral defense of the thesis (30- 60 minutes)** with a committee of three faculty members, **including their research advisor and at least one member of the Division of Life Sciences.**

Please note: The GH COOK presentation (15-20 minutes) is **not sufficient** to fulfill the oral defense requirement. The thesis defense may be scheduled in lieu of the GH Cook presentation, if permitted.

Faculty Research Advisor's Name: _____

Faculty Advisor's Department: _____ Faculty Advisor's Tel. #: _____

Faculty Advisor's Email Address: _____

Faculty Advisor's Location: _____

I understand the requirements for Honors in Biology.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Faculty Advisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____