STUDENT/FACULTY CONTRACT: BIOLOGY 4955 (INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH)

If you are an undergraduate student wishing to receive academic credit for individual research, you must complete five steps before enrolling in BIOL 4955:

(1) Find a Faculty Research Supervisor in the biosciences.

(2) If the Faculty Research Supervisor is not a School of Biological Sciences (SBS) faculty member, find a SBS Faculty Sponsor.
   ** The Sponsor will discuss your work with you several times during the semester, read your final report (see next section), consult with your research supervisor, and assign your grade.

(3) With your Faculty Research Supervisor (and SBS Faculty Sponsor, if necessary) make a plan of your research duties and academic requirements for the semester and complete the contract below.
   ** The academic requirements include submission of an acceptable written report on your research, typically a 3-5 page research summary is recommended. The student should distribute copies of the contract to the faculty research supervisor and to the faculty sponsor.

(4) Determine Credit Hours: 1 credit hour = 3 hours lab work/week, 2 cr = 6 hr/week, 3 cr = 9 hr/week.

(5) If you are a Biology Major, this course can count towards your lab requirements: 1 credit hour = L1 lab and 2-3 credit hours = L2 lab. Depending on the type of research, it may also count in an emphasis.

(6) When the contract is complete, BRING THE ORIGINAL TO THE BIOLOGY ADVISING OFFICE (JTB 220) to receive a section #, class #, and permission #.

I. In exchange for ___ credit hours, I ___________________________________________ (Student’s Name) agree to spend ____ hours per week on a project directed by ______________________________________ (Research Supervisor’s Name) and to complete the assignments listed below.

Below is a detailed description of my research which includes my hypothesis and research methods:
I will meet with my Faculty Research Supervisor _____ times. If needed, I will meet with my SBS Faculty Sponsor _____ times. My written report is due ________________ and will include: ________________

Other academic requirements include ______________________________________________________

Student’s Signature ___________________________ Date ____________________

Email Address: _____________________________ U ID #: ____________________________

II. As Faculty Research Supervisor, I agree to supervise and direct the student’s research (and if necessary, send a letter of evaluation and grade to the SBS Faculty Sponsor by the date set above for submission of the student’s report).

Faculty Research Supervisor Signature _____________________________ Date ________________

Department Affiliation of Research Supervisor _____________________________

Phone ______________________ Email of Research Supervisor ____________________________

III. If necessary, my SBS Faculty Sponsor will be ___________________________ (Instructor’s Name).

As SBS Faculty Sponsor, I agree to fulfill my duties as described in Step 2 on pg. 1.

SBS Faculty Sponsor Signature _____________________________ Date ________________