



LIFE SCIENCE FRESHMAN RESEARCH SCHOLARS MENTOR AGREEMENT 2015-2016

The *Life Sciences Freshman Research (LSFRS)* Program is part of an effort to involve students in authentic research during their introductory science experiences. It is supported in part by a grant to Oklahoma State University from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute through the Science Education Program. Students accepted into this program will participate in a one-credit, twelve-week course during the first semester of their freshman year, during which a “research guide” will help them identify a faculty mentor, select a research project (usually a part of a larger one), and write a research proposal. During the second semester, the students will conduct their research under the mentor’s guidance and report their results. Students fulfilling the program requirements will receive a \$1000 scholarship.

Many of our students from the 2014-2015 LSFRS program are continuing on in their mentors’ labs since they produced exceptional work. We hope that we can continue in making this experience a beneficial and positive one for freshman students and faculty mentors alike.

Life Science Freshman Research Scholars (LSFRS) Requirements

- Enrollment & Completion of A&S 2000 course (Fall term)
- 5 page (max) research proposal by end of Fall term (December 4th, 2015)
- Abstract + Mentor Agreement (this document)
- Research Plan for Spring term (due January 18th, 2016)
- 2-4 research hours per week during the Spring semester dedicated to project
- Poster Presentation at LSFRS Symposium (April 2016) or other HHMI / mentor approved conference or meeting before the end of the semester
- Final manuscript with mentor approval by end of Spring term: This document will be published for public access in an exclusive collection of reports for the OSU-HHMI program
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA in at least 12 hours per semester
- Remain in an eligible life science major
- 2 meetings with Program Coordinator
- Attend at least 2 Meet A Life Scientist events per semester

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