Research-Focused Honors Program

Information and Application Form for the 2023-2024 Program

The Research-Focused Honors Program provides a structured experience to help students develop research skills beyond those taught in PSY 20100 and PSY 20300. This three-semester program is designed for exceptional students who have a strong interest in research. It involves two honors seminars (PSY 40400 and PSY 40500), a readings course (PSY 39100H), and an independent research project designed and conducted by the student under the supervision of a faculty sponsor.

Students will write an honors thesis (PSY 49800H) based on their research, which they will present in poster format at the annual Department of Psychological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference during the Spring 2024 semester.

Space in the program is limited. Preference will be given to students who are majors in Psychological Sciences or Brain and Behavioral Sciences and who are working with a faculty mentor with a primary appointment in the Department of Psychological Sciences. Interested students should identify a full-time faculty member willing to serve as their mentor and to supervise their PSY 39100H course (Spring 2023) and research project (6 credits of PSY 49800H in Fall 2023 and Spring 2024). Students who have not identified a willing faculty member by the time applications are reviewed will be at a disadvantage. A list of Psychological Sciences faculty who are willing to mentor students is available at: https://hhs.purdue.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-program/psychological-sciences/

If you encounter difficulty identifying a mentor, please contact Janet Proctor or one of the other PSYC advisors for assistance through HHS Academic Advising.

Please note the following:

Eligible students must meet these prerequisites by the end of the Fall 2022 semester:

a. Credit for PSY 12000, PSY 20100, and PSY 20300 (Grades of B– or higher are preferred)
b. Credit for two other 3-credit PSY courses (excluding PSY 39000 or PSY 39100)

Preference will be given to students who, at the time of applying, have:

a. Psychology Index of at least 3.5
b. Graduation Index of at least 3.0
c. Current or prior experience in PSY 39000
d. Identification of a faculty member who agrees to be the RFHP mentor
The names of students applying for this program will be placed on a list during pre-registration, and a time block (or alternate class) will be entered for the PSY 40400 time. Students selected for the program will be registered for PSY 40400 and PSY 39100H.

Selections will be made by a committee in the Department of Psychological Sciences.

The application deadline is **noon on Tuesday, November 8, 2022**. No late applications will be accepted.

The following must be emailed as one package to Dr. Colin William, Director of Undergraduate Studies, at ctwilliam@purdue.edu. Applications that do not follow these instructions will not be considered, so prepare your application carefully:

a. Application to the Research-Focused Honors Program form (the next page in this packet)

b. Resume that provides information about your previous research experience, other psychology-related activities, and any information demonstrating your potential standing as an honors student. (Note that participation in the Honors College or any HHS Honors Program is not required.)

c. Transcript (Unofficial is sufficient)

d. One-page statement of purpose describing your area of interest and goals

You also need to arrange for an email from the faculty member who has agreed to supervise your research project to be sent directly to the Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dr. Colin William (ctwilliam@purdue.edu). Dr. William must receive the email, as well as the application materials, by **noon on Tuesday, November 8, 2022**.
Application to the Research-Focused Honors Program  
2023-2024

Name: ________________________________________________

Email: ________________________________________________

Phone: ________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________

Major(s): ________________________________________________

Academic Advisor: ________________________________________________

Psychology Index: ________

Graduation Index: ________

Faculty Sponsor: ________________________________________________

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PSY 39000 EXPERIENCE (lab and general description):