

# Research-Focused Honors Program

## Information and Application Form for the 2020-2021 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 write a senior honors thesis (PSY 49800H) based on their research, which they also present in poster format at the annual Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference in the spring semester of their senior year.

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 2020**) and research project (6 credits of PSY 49800H in **Fall 2020** and **Spring 2021**). *Students who have not identified a willing faculty member by the time applications are reviewed will be at a disadvantage.* A list of Psychology faculty who are willing to mentor students is available at [http://www.purdue.edu/hhs/psy/undergraduate/honors\\_program/index.html](http://www.purdue.edu/hhs/psy/undergraduate/honors_program/index.html).

If you encounter difficulty identifying a mentor, please contact Janet Proctor or one of the other PSYC advisors, Jen Kau, Jessica Woepfel, Allison Smith, or Molly Barnard for assistance at [HHS Advising Office](#).

Please note the following:

Eligible students must meet these prerequisites by the end of the **Fall 2020** semester:

- a. Junior standing
- b. Credit for PSY 12000, PSY 20100, and PSY 20300. (Grades of B– or higher are preferred.)
- c. Credit for two other 3-credit PSY courses (excluding PSY 39000 or PSY 39100)
- d. Psychology Index of at least 3.5
- e. Graduation Index of at least 3.0
- f. PSY 39000 experience is highly recommended

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 Wednesday, November 11, 2020*. 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](mailto: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
- d. Statement of purpose describing your area of interest and goals

You also need to arrange for a letter of recommendation from a faculty member, preferably the one who will supervise your research project, to be **emailed** directly to the Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dr. Colin William ([ctwilliam@purdue.edu](mailto:ctwilliam@purdue.edu)). Dr. William must receive the letter, as well as the application materials, by *noon on Wednesday, November 11, 2020*.

# Application to the Research-Focused Honors Program 2020-2021

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Psychology Index: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Index: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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PSY 20300 \_\_\_\_\_

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PSY 39000 EXPERIENCE (lab and general description):