

RESEARCH CONTRACT

Date _____

The Gatton Academy encourages our students to participate in STEM-focused research projects. For the sake of richer projects and greater understanding of the research work, completion of two full semesters of research or more is promoted. Likewise, students are encouraged to use their research to produce academic outcomes as possible, such as conference presentations, entry to scientific competitions, and even publication when possible. At the onset of each semester of the experience, students are required to have a Research Contract signed by the WKU faculty member who has agreed to oversee their project.

Research Professor/Supervisor:

Thank you for agreeing to provide a Gatton Academy student the opportunity to perform research. By signing below, you agree to oversee a research project for the semester (credit-offering or not at your discretion—see below) for an Academy student.

The Gatton Academy offers our Research Supplies Grant to you by application. This \$250 per academic year for each Academy student you work with can be used to purchase research equipment or software to benefit your work with an Academy student. Likewise, if Academy students have the opportunity to travel for conference presentations, we also assist with their expenses.

Credit: Academy students can earn credit hours for research projects that begin before the drop/add date of each new semester. Credit can be earned at a rate of 1, 2, or 3 hours per semester at your recommendation. It's likely your department offers a section for independent research, but if not, Academy students can be registered in an Honors 303: Independent Research section if the appropriate paperwork is into the Honors College by the semester drop/add date. Please notify Derick Strode as early as possible before a drop/add date of a semester to get a student registered.

Approximately how many hours per week should the student plan to dedicate to their research project?

☐ 1-3 hrs. ☐ 3-5 hrs. ☐ 5-7 hrs. ☐ 7-10 hrs.

Will this project be offered for credit? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Already past drop/add date

-If Yes, how many hours of credit? 1hr. ☐ 2hrs. ☐ 3hrs. ☐

-If Yes, which course section should be used? (ex: Chem 299) _____ CRN _____

Is a research outcome, such as a conference presentation, poster, or publication possible from this project?
Is it expected of the student? Check as appropriate. ☐ Possible ☐ Expected ☐ Not Possible

Research Supervisor (Please Print)

Signature, Discipline (Chem, Phys, etc.)

Academy Student:

The student agrees 1.) set aside regularly-scheduled time weekly to their project, 2.) meet the expectations of his/her research supervisor as best as possible and 3.) complete the Gatton Academy's Research Summary Report at the end of each semester when research was conducted.

Academy Student (Please Print)

Signature

Gatton Academy--Assistant Director, Academic Services:

Agrees to periodically monitor the research of this student by keeping in contact with the student and research supervisor throughout the semester.

Derick B. Strode, Assistant Director, Academic Services

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****Return this form to Derick Strode, Gatton Academy, Florence Schneider Hall 104 when signed by research supervisor and student.****