

Application for Graduation *with Research Distinction*

Please complete this form prior to beginning the research project.

A. REQUIREMENTS

Students in the Fisher College of Business who are interested in pursuing undergraduate research and graduating with distinction in their major must meet the following conditions:

1. Earn a cumulative point-hour ratio of at least 3.00.
2. Secure a faculty advisor to oversee the research project and to chair the thesis committee.
3. Engage in a program of research that culminates in a thesis and oral defense.
4. Register for a minimum of 6 hours of graded coursework (over a 2-semester period) and maintain a 3.65 minimum GPA in this coursework.
5. Successfully defend the research project and results before a faculty committee chaired by the thesis advisor.
6. Submit an abstract to present the research project at the Denman Research Forum.
7. Students who meet the above criteria will have "with research distinction" inscribed on the diploma.
Note: Students conducting research outside their specialization or with faculty members outside their specialization will be awarded distinction based on the faculty member's area of expertise.

B. CANDIDACY INFORMATION

Name: _____ OSU E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Expected semester and year of graduation: _____

Proposed Topic/Title: _____

Proposed Area of Research/Distinction _____

Faculty Advisor Name: _____

Faculty Advisor's signature of agreement to serve as advisor and chair of thesis committee:

_____ Date _____

Faculty Chairperson's signature of approval:

_____ Date _____

Student's signature of agreement to engage in a program of research, complete a written thesis and orally defend the thesis before a committee:

_____ Date _____

C. PROPOSED RESEARCH SEMESTERS

Course number, department, and credit hours to post each semester:

Courses (Department and number – 4998)	Hours	Semester/Year
_____	_____	_____
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D. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT*

On a separate sheet of paper, give a brief description or outline (1-2 pages) of your project that includes the following:

- 1) Introduction – a statement of what is to be done, the significance and overall purpose of the project, and background: previous work in the area and whether this is a part of a larger project
- 2) Rationale
- 3) Objectives
- 4) Methodology – provide a statement of planned activities including literature review, techniques and methods, analysis of date, and timeline

* If you submitted a Fisher College of Business Undergraduate Research Scholarship Application, you may include your “Research Project Proposal” from that application in place of Part D. “Description of the Project” of this application.