

# SCIENCE RESEARCH DISTINCTION, CERTIFICATE

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Requirements for an undergraduate certificate may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the certificate.

## Program Description

The certificate will provide an incentive for students to write a thesis based on an independent research project. Students may be entered into the certificate program upon identification of a research mentor. Members of the graduate faculty are eligible to be mentors. Emeritus faculty or non-tenure track faculty members may serve as mentors, subject to approval by the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education. Students must engage in research activities over the course of at least 3 semesters or 2 semesters and a summer. Theses must be approved by the research mentor, a reader who is a faculty member eligible to serve as a research mentor, and the Department Head or Director of Undergraduate Studies of a unit within ECoS unless the department has a specific alternative policy in place for thesis approval. The schedule for submission of theses will be the same as Schreyer Honors Theses. Honors students cannot use a single thesis to earn both the distinction of honors and a Research Distinction Certificate but may earn both distinctions by production of independent theses.

## What is Science Research Distinction?

The Science Research Distinction program is available to students who are interested in working on an independent research project under the supervision of a faculty mentor, and documenting the results of their work in a research thesis.

## You Might Like This Program If...

- You are passionate about research in your field of study.
- You want to design your own research project with the help of a faculty mentor.
- You plan to go to graduate school.
- Your career path requires you to develop strong lab/field skills.
- You want to write a thesis as a summary of your research accomplishments.