

**DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY  
INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS MENTOR AGREEMENT**

(Note to faculty advisors: A student cannot register for Independent Investigations until this form is completed)

**To:** William R. Eckberg, Chairman and Coordinator  
Department of Biology

**From:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print)  
Name of Prospective Mentor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Prospective Mentor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I hereby agree to supervise the independent investigations project that will be conducted by

\_\_\_\_\_ (Please print) ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Student

during the \_\_\_\_\_ semester of \_\_\_\_\_ (academic year).

I understand that the student will write an independent investigations report, based on the research conducted in this course (Independent Investigations) and that in order to receive credit for Independent Investigations, the student must:

- (1) submit to the coordinator by mid-semester a proposal/statement of the work to be done, and
- (2) present, at the end of the semester, a written report of the research conducted during that semester.

**Final Grade**

The final grade for Independent Investigations will be given by the coordinator on the recommendation of the research mentor provided that the above requirements have been met.

**Three (3) credits. This course involves pursuit of an independent research problem in a sub-discipline of Biology under the direction of a faculty mentor. Research may involve field and/or laboratory work, depending on the area. Students are strongly urged to discuss potential projects with the faculty mentor before the semester in which the research is to be done. Not available to students in the Honors Program.**