

FIRST-YEAR RESEARCH AGREEMENT

Name: _____

Academic Year: _____

Advisor: _____

Research Title: _____

All first-year students are expected to obtain research experience by working closely with their advisors on appropriate research. At the end of the academic year, faculty will evaluate their students' performance.

Changing faculty advisors prior to June, although unusual, is possible. Approval of the Area Leader must be obtained and a new First-Year Research Agreement must be completed.

The top half of this form should be completed and submitted to the Graduate Program Secretary no later than 1 December.

Agreement: Brief Summary of Expected Activities.

Student Signature Date

Advisor Signature Date

Area Leader Signature Date

Evaluation of the first year project: The Advisor's Evaluation must be submitted to the Graduate Program Secretary by the last Friday in September of the student's 2nd year. The First-Year Research Agreement ends at the end of the student's first year. The advisor and student should plan activities to prepare for the MS thesis or Ph.D. dissertation. This due date applies to everyone regardless of a student's start date. The evaluation may be divided over two years for students who start in Spring, or Summer semesters. Evaluate the appropriate months for each student in each year.

Evaluation of performance (please circle one):

Outstanding	Good	Adequate	Below Expectations	Inadequate
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Comments:

Advisor Signature _____ Date _____