

## SAS Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis Application

Please note that only students from SAS, including those following the academic requirements set by the former colleges (Douglass, Livingston, Rutgers, and University), are eligible to apply.

Name: Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ RUID: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I currently live: \_\_\_\_\_ on campus \_\_\_\_\_ off campus in the NB area \_\_\_\_\_ at home and commute

On-Campus Building and Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

Off-Campus Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### Permanent/home address is required for all applicants

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Research Exp: Yes No If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.400. The department GPA is based on all the courses taken in the discipline in which honors are sought; at least 18 such credits are required. Approval of the thesis proposal is at the discretion of the SAS Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis Committee, which will review the proposal and the applicant's overall academic record. Group or joint projects with other students are not permitted. The independent work and written thesis are the equivalent of one academic course in each term of the senior year. Individual departments may choose to apply the 01:090:493-494 sequence toward the satisfaction of major requirements; however, departments may also choose not to recognize these courses for credit towards the major. SAS Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis credit cannot be obtained without completing two semesters of 3 credits each, 6 credits in all.

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Department GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Title of Thesis: \_\_\_\_\_

First Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: ONLY THOSE APPLICATIONS WHICH INCLUDE ALL NECESSARY SIGNATURES AND APPROVALS, AND ALL MATERIALS LISTED ON THE APPLICATION CHECKLIST, WILL BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE. NO APPLICATION WILL BE REVIEWED UNTIL IT IS COMPLETE.**

### Disciplinary Clearance

A student who has been placed on Disciplinary Probation (as defined in the University Code of Student Conduct) prior to submitting this application will be ineligible to complete an SAS Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis. A student placed on Disciplinary Probation while working on an SAS Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis will not have the notation "Paul Robeson Scholar" printed on the transcript, nor will the thesis be included in the commencement program or the university archives.

ACTION OF SAS INTERDISCIPLINARY HONORS THESIS COMMITTEE:

Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_ Not Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Committee Member

Human Subject Clearance: Yes No NA

# Advisor Approvals and Student Acknowledgement

**APPROVAL OF THESIS ADVISORS:** I reviewed and approved this SAS Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis proposal and agree to act as advisor for the project. I understand that the deadline for completion of the thesis and oral defense is Wednesday, April 15, 2009.

## First Advisor

_____ Name in Print	_____ Signature	_____ Faculty Title
_____ Email	_____ Department	_____ Department Address

## Second Advisor

_____ Name in Print	_____ Signature	_____ Faculty Title
_____ Email	_____ Department	_____ Department Address

## FOR LABORATORY PROJECTS ONLY

Check here if lab agrees to supply all necessary reagents.

**STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES:** I agree to comply with the policies of the SAS Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis. I understand that the deadline for completion of the thesis and oral defense is Wednesday, April 15, 2009.

_____ Name in Print	_____ Signature	_____ Date
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## Please initial:

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that students completing the SAS Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis may not register for additional Internships, Independent Study courses, or Research credits.

\_\_\_\_\_ I intend to graduate in May 2009.

Check if your project involves interviewing, surveying, observing, sampling, or testing human subjects. You must complete the Human Subject Certification Program and attach your certification letter to this application. Failure to acknowledge your responsibility for Human Subject Clearance will result in denial of this application. It is NOT sufficient that your research mentor has received clearance – you must obtain your own certification: <http://orsp.rutgers.edu/humans/hscp.php>.

# Application Checklist

- Completed Cover Page**
- Completed Approvals and Acknowledgement page, including all signatures and Human Subject Clearance certification (if applicable).**
- Current full transcript, printed from Student Online Services <https://www.acs.rutgers.edu/grades>**
- Project Overview:**

This should be a **typed, double-spaced statement** describing your project. It is most important that your advisor reads and approves this statement before you submit it. Please include a brief history of the study, the methods that you will use, and your goals. Your proposal should be at least two pages in length, and must be reasonably comprehensible to the non-specialist reader. It should provide a brief synopsis of the present state of knowledge in the area in which you will be working, and it should detail why your study will contribute to the advancement of our understanding beyond the present level. References should be included, and must be cited in an appropriately scholarly fashion.

- References and/or Research Materials**

This consists of a comprehensive bibliography, a detailed list of the research materials you will use for your study, and of the data that you will use for your analysis and scholarly review. If you have done any preliminary work, describe it. Any research methods you might use and the objects of your research should also be described. You may provide additional references, such as a more extensive bibliography or background reading, if you have already begun them. **Note:** If your project includes interviewing, surveying, observing, sampling, or testing people, you **must** obtain clearance from the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs (<http://orsp.rutgers.edu/humans/hscp.php>).

- Previous Research Experience**

Describe any research experience that you have had with your proposed topic or within your major/minor. Indicate if the research experience was paid, volunteer, or for credit.

- Personal Interest**

Describe your personal interests that led you to undertake the research. Include what you find most interesting about the field and topic that you propose to study, and what personal goals you hope to achieve by researching this topic. If your project relates to your career interests, explain the connection.

Submit the full application to:

Office of Undergraduate Education, SAS  
Attn: Dean Lord  
35 College Avenue  
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901

For information or questions, call 732-932-7964.