Application
Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis
The deadline for submission of the full application is Monday, May 7, 2018.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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: ________________

Home Address: __________________________ City: ________________ State: __ Zip: ________________

Research Exp: Yes No If yes, please describe: __________________________

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.400. The “GPA in the relevant disciplines” is based on all the courses taken in the disciplines in which the Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis will be completed; at least 18 such credits in those disciplines are recommended.

Cumulative GPA: ______ GPA in Relevant Disciplines: ______

An Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis is usually undertaken in the senior year. A student completing an Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis will enroll in Honors Interdisciplinary Thesis, 01:090:495-496, each 3 credits, and in Research Workshop, 01:090:491-492, each 1 credit. SAS Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis credit cannot be obtained without completing two semesters of 3 credits each, 6 credits in all.

Group or joint projects with other students are not permitted.

Proposed Title of Thesis: __________________________

Faculty Advisor Name: __________________________ Department: __________________________

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Disciplinary Clearance: A disciplinary review will be done on all students who submit a proposal.

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. Contact Dean Jennifer M. Jones with questions, jemjones@sas.rutgers.edu

ACTION OF SAS INTERDISCIPLINARY HONORS THESIS COMMITTEE:

Accepted: ______________ Not Accepted: ______________ Committee Member

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Faculty Advisor Approvals and Student Acknowledgement

APPROVAL OF THESIS ADVISORS: I have reviewed this SAS Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis proposal, and I agree to act as thesis advisor for the project. I understand that the deadline for completion of the thesis and oral defense is Friday, April 12, 2019.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Faculty Advisor

Name __________________________ __________________________ __________________________
Signature __________________________ Faculty Title __________________________
Email __________________________ Department __________________________ Department Address __________________________

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FOR LABORATORY PROJECTS ONLY

__________ Check here if lab agrees to supply all necessary materials and equipment.

FOR PROJECTS INVOLVING HUMAN SUBJECTS

I understand that if my project involves interviewing, surveying, observing, sampling, testing, or obtaining private identifiable data on human subjects, I must complete the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Basic Course, submit the appropriate application to the Institutional Review Board (IRB) by the posted deadline, and receive IRB approval.

IRB Approval Required? Yes No
IRB Application Submitted? Yes (specify date submitted) No (specify expected submission date)
IRB Approved? Yes (submit approval letter) No (please explain below)

If IRB approval is required, the student must submit the approval letter to this office by no later than Friday, September 21, 2018. Please note that failure to acknowledge responsibility for IRB approval will result in denial of this application. For more information on the CITI basic course and the IRB application and deadline, visit https://orra.rutgers.edu/irb.

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 Friday, April 12, 2019.

Name (please print) __________________________ Signature __________________________ Date __________________________

Please initial:

__________ I understand that if I register to undertake an SAS Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis, I may not register for additional Internships, Independent Study courses, or Research credits.

__________ I intend to graduate in May 2019.
Application Checklist

All components of your application must be reviewed by your faculty advisors before you submit the following materials:

_____ Completed Cover Page

_____ Completed Thesis Advisor Approvals and Acknowledgement page, including all signatures

_____ Current full transcript, printed from Student Online Services https://sis.rutgers.edu/tags/

_____ Project Overview, a typed, double-spaced statement, a minimum of 2 pages, which describes your proposed project. The overview must include the following components:

  ____ Statement of your thesis question
  ____ Brief synopsis of the present state of knowledge in the area in which you will be working
  ____ Statement of research methods
  ____ Statement of your goals in doing the research
  ____ Statement of how your study will contribute to the advancement of our understanding
  ____ Statement of any preliminary work already completed

  The Project Overview must be reasonably comprehensible to the non-specialist reader.

_____ Annotated Bibliography (cited in an appropriately scholarly fashion) -- This will not be your final bibliography, but will provide reviewers a sense of your general approach.

_____ If necessary, Institutional Review Board Clearance: If the project involves interviewing, surveying, observing, sampling, testing or obtaining private identifiable data on human subjects, you must obtain clearance from the Office of Research Regulatory Affairs (https://orra.rutgers.edu/irb) by submitting the appropriate Institutional Review Board application by the posted deadline. You must provide a copy of the approval.

_____ Previous Research Experience: A statement of 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: A statement describing 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 packet to:

School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program
Office of Undergraduate Education, SAS
35 College Avenue
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901

For information or questions, call 848-932-7964, or email honors@sas.rutgers.edu

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NOTE: ONLY THOSE APPLICATIONS THAT 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.