##### NOMINATION FORM LETTER FROM FACULTY MENTOR

Please email to [honorsnd@nd.edu](mailto:honorsnd@nd.edu) by **November 9**.

A Research Mentor in the Honors Program will evaluate their student researcher for suitability for Honors Program admission and graduation. For student researchers that would be considered for Honors, the Research Mentor should complete the following nomination form which includes attesting to the:

* Feasibility and appropriateness of the proposed research
* Ability to conduct and complete research for a thesis
* Ability to complete and write a thesis
  + It is the Research Mentor’s discretion as to what the final thesis product would look like (for example, if the student completes a first author manuscript, the Research Mentor may deem this appropriate as the thesis product)
  + It is at the Research Mentor’s discretion how the student researcher’s research writing for other Honors programs is accomplished in conjunction with the Biological Sciences Honors Program

Additionally, the Research Mentor will evaluate and provide feedback on research progress and thesis throughout the course of the program.

*Please complete the following:*

Research Mentor Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Researcher Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Length of time student research has been in lab: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Provide an assessment of the student researcher’s past performance in your lab and their future potential to conduct independent research:
2. Provide an assessment of the student’s research proposal statement and the feasibility of the proposed project:
3. Provide a statement on the independence of the student researcher’s proposed project in terms of who will they be working with, is their project part of a larger project and whether they will be working directly with another person (undergraduate, graduate student, post-doc, staff, etc):
4. Provide a statement on the likelihood of the research to be completed and written in a thesis worthy of departmental Honors:
5. Provide a statement on the likelihood of the research to be presented or published:

Please read below the roles and expectations of being a Research Mentor in the Biological Sciences Honors Program. If you agree, please mark your agreement next to each statement by placing an X in the checklist box.

I will guide and oversee the student's research (help the student to understand the background and context of their work, to develop project goals, and to carry out the honors project).

I will provide input on the writing of an honors proposal that satisfies programmatic requirements and meets my standards.

I will provide input on the writing of an honors thesis that satisfies programmatic requirements and meets my standards.

I will provide feedback on the student’s progress every semester and the likelihood of the student completing the Honors Program requirements.

I will assist in providing guidance on choosing an Advising Mentor for the student researcher who will provide additional mentorship and input on the writing of an honors thesis that satisfies programmatic requirements. Two suggestions at this time are (if Research Mentor is not BIOS/ES, then these two suggestions **MUST** be from BIOS/ES):

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I agree to nominate and support \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (student name) during the entirety of the Honors Program.

Name (signature) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_