PPA 395 Independent Study in Plant Pathology (1-4 Hours)

Research Contract

In order to receive credit for PPA 395, students and their research mentors must complete a contract. If a contract is not completed and approved each semester by the add/drop date, you will be dropped from this class. If a draft contract is not approved, we will contact you and/or your research mentor about necessary revisions.

Academic session in which the research will take place:
(Circle one) Fall  Spring  4-week  8-week  YEAR:___________

Research mentors may be any faculty member in the Department of Plant Pathology at the University of Kentucky. A list of faculty is available on the department web page (see http://www.ca.uky.edu/agcollege/plantpathology/people/index.html). Participants should be undergraduate students with good academic records.

Research mentors agree to provide lab space, resources (e.g., chemicals), and guidance. Guidance includes safety training as well as training in scientific method, techniques, and presentations. Mentors will be asked to grade the student’s independent work.

Please provide the following information:

Your name, email, and phone: ________________________________

Your mentor’s name, department, email, and phone, ________________________________

Your signature: ________________________________

Mentor’s signature: ________________________________

Your mentor must state here how you will be evaluated for a grade. Some examples are frequent personal conferences, diligence in the lab, group meetings, preparation of paper …, etc.

Dr. Christopher L. Schardl  Approved: ________________  Date: _______

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Complete page 2 and submit it with this contract.
**Description of the proposed research work**: Prepare this description in consultation with your mentor. The description must include, in brief, (1) the hypothesis or aim underlying the project, (2) types of experiments or activities to be performed, (3) types of data to be taken, (4) types of data analysis, and (5) how the data relate to the hypothesis or aim of the project. You may attach an extra sheet if necessary.