

Application for Graduation with *Research Distinction*
Max. M. Fisher College of Business

Please complete this form **prior** to beginning the research project. Please complete this application only after thoroughly reading the *Guidelines for Research Distinction*. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Jordan Schoonover (Schoonover.61@osu.edu) or schedule an advising appointment with her. **This form must be submitted by August 1st prior to your final year at Ohio State.**

A. CANDIDACY INFORMATION

Name: _____

OSU Email: _____

Phone: _____ Expected Semester/Year of Graduation _____

Proposed Topic/Title: _____

Proposed Department for Research: _____

Faculty Advisor Name: _____

Faculty Advisor's signature of agreement to serve as advisor and chair of thesis committee.

_____ Date: _____

Department Chairperson's signature of approval:

_____ Date: _____

Student's signature of agreement to engage in a program of research, complete a written thesis and orally defend the thesis before a committee:

_____ Date: _____

C: PROPOSED RESEARCH SEMESTERS

Course number, department, and credit hours to post each semester:

Courses (Department and number – 4998H)	Hours	Semester/Year
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D. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

On a separate page, give a brief description or outline (1-2 pages) of your project that includes the following.

1. **Introduction:** gives a statement of what is to be done, the significance of the project, and the overall purpose of the project. This section should also include background information regarding previous work you may have done on this project and if your study is part of any larger research projects being overseen by your faculty mentor.
2. **Rationale:** provides preliminary review of the literature on the topic and identifies any gaps you intend to fill. Essentially, how do you justify your research?
3. **Objectives:** This should outline the aims of your study and your basic research questions. These should be specific, realistic, and unambiguous operational statements about how your research will be conducted.
4. **Methodology:** This should include any planned activities, techniques & methods being employed, how you plan to analyze your data, and a timeline for your project.