Research Program Contract

Participating in the Research Scholars Program (RSP) is an exciting opportunity for you to gain exposure to scientific research at Duke University. RSP strives to provide the tools and resources for you to become a successful researcher who has significant impact on your laboratory.

The mentors, who have already been part of the selection process, depend on you to meet your commitments for multiple reasons. First, it is important to realize that the tasks you will be conducting in the laboratory directly affect the experiments of the investigators. Failure to complete your portion of the experiment correctly can jeopardize many months of an investigator's research. In addition, the investigators have adjusted their schedule to accommodate your participation (including time they will invest in training) with the expectation of being able to depend on your assistance for the entirety of the scheduled period.

Due to the potentially serious consequences of not completing the procedures correctly and to reciprocate on the commitments of the investigators by honoring their expectations, we created this contract to formalize your commitments in the RSP.

Research Internship Program Commitments:

• I commit to working in the laboratory for 5-10 hours a week.
• If, for any reason, I cannot accomplish the task that I have committed to, I will communicate with my mentor to resolve the situation.
• I will arrive punctually at the time I agreed upon with my investigator.
• I will attend all the Seminars that don’t directly conflict with my schedule. If I cannot attend, I will notify RSP of the conflict
• I will conduct myself in a responsible and mature manner at all times.

By signing this document, I agree to honor the commitments, delineated above, throughout the duration of RSP.

Name: ______________________   Signature: ______________________   Date: ____________