

Due Wednesday, March 19, 2008 to the Honors Program Office

**HONORS THESIS RESEARCH GRANT
APPLICATION**

GPA _____
(minimum 3.2 gpa required)

FOR DEPT. ADVISOR
RANKING: _____ OF _____

PLEASE TYPE

Name _____ Date _____

PID# _____ Email _____

Local Address _____

Local Telephone _____ Parents' Telephone _____

Parents' Address _____

Department _____ Campus Box # _____

Thesis Advisor _____ Campus address: _____

Departmental Honors Advisor _____ Campus address: _____

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION.

TERMS OF THE AWARDS

Honors Thesis Research Grants are designed to help offset expenses incurred by students undertaking senior honors projects. In order to be considered for an award, you must:

- (1) have satisfied all requirements for eligibility for participation in the senior honors program in your department (IF YOU HAVE ANY DOUBTS, CHECK WITH YOUR DEPARTMENTAL HONORS ADVISOR).
- (2) complete this application form in full and give the completed form and attached recommendation form to your Honors Thesis Advisor (the specific faculty member directing your project). ASK YOUR THESIS ADVISOR TO RETURN THE APPLICATION AND RECOMMENDATION DIRECTLY to the Departmental Honors Advisor.

(3) make sure your Thesis Advisor has submitted his/her recommendation and your completed form to the Departmental Honors Advisor by your department's deadline.

Funds may be requested ONLY to cover or partially cover expenses directly related to the project and may be spent only for the purpose for which the funds have been awarded. Any changes must be approved by the Departmental Honors Advisor in advance of expenditure of award funds. If you receive a grant, a university account will be established in your department in the amount of your approved budget.

Awards are made on a competitive basis and usually are limited to no more than \$500. However, an additional \$500 may also be awarded from the Center for Global Initiatives, if the proposal has an international focus. Applications from each department will be ranked by the Departmental Honors Advisor. Final determination of award winners will be made by the Assistant Dean for Honors upon advice of a committee of the Honors Advisory Board. Awards will be made on the basis of: (1) the committee's estimation of overall quality and originality of the project, (2) strength of support by the thesis advisor, (3) departmental ranking, (4) likelihood of the project's being successfully completed as proposed, and (5) an assessment of the degree to which the funds sought are necessary to the completion of the project.

Please be aware that any research involving human subjects must be approved by the Institutional Review Board. The approval process is initiated by your faculty advisor through the local review committee in your department. Any research involving animals must be approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. The approval process is initiated by your faculty advisor who can obtain the necessary application from the following website: www.med.unc.edu/iacuc

By your signature below, please indicate that you have read the terms of these awards as stated above and that, should you receive an award, you agree to abide by them in full.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION (maximum 300 words)

In the space below, please provide a brief description of your honors research project accessible to a general audience. If your project has an international dimension (if it relates to an international topic or involves research abroad, please explain that aspect. **Remember that this proposal will be read and evaluated by individuals who may be unfamiliar with research in your particular field.** Please include (1) the research question, hypothesis, or argument your study addresses; (2) the research method you will employ; and (3) a statement about the importance of this work--to the research in your field and to your development as a scholar.

In the case of creative projects (i.e., artistic, dramatic, musical, or literary theses), please include (1) the goals you have set for your project, (2) the medium or form in which you will be working, (3) the subject matter of your project (if applicable), and (4) a statement about the contribution this project will make to your development as an artist.

Title of Project:

Does this project involve animals or human subjects?

_____ animals _____ human subjects _____ neither

If so, has the project been approved by the local review committee in your department?

II. JUSTIFICATION

Please indicate below why a grant is necessary for you to undertake the project you have outlined above.

III. BUDGET

Indicate below each item for which funding is requested and the ACTUAL COST of that item. Also indicate the extent of support available from other sources. Except in very unusual circumstances, awards will not exceed \$500. **(Projects with an international dimension may qualify for a supplemental award of up to \$500 from the Center for Global Initiatives.)** All equipment and all supplies left over at the end of the project will become the property of the department in which the project is conducted.

ITEM	COST	FUNDS REQUESTED	FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES
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TOTAL: _____ TOTAL: _____ TOTAL: _____

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THESIS ADVISOR RECOMMENDATION

To be completed by the Honors Thesis Advisor and returned with the completed application directly to the Departmental Honors Advisor.

To the Thesis Advisor:

Before completing this form, please read the terms of the awards on the attached application.

Please rate each of the following aspects of the project described in the attached application and qualities of the applicant in comparison with other undergraduate research/creative projects with which you have been associated or are familiar. **Please use this scale for each rating:**

poor	fair	good	very good	outstanding
1	2	3	4	5

_____ Overall quality of project

_____ Originality of concept and design

_____ Likelihood student will be able to complete project as proposed

_____ Justification for funding

_____ Likelihood student would be able to conduct study if not funded by this award

_____ Academic seriousness and maturity of applicant

Please use the space below to add any other comments that will help the selection committee in judging this project.