

Molecular Biology Senior Exercise Contract

NAME: _____

Senior Experimental Thesis or **Library Thesis-Grant Proposal** (Circle appropriate)

RESEARCH PROJECT TOPIC: _____

SIGNATURE OF THESIS ADVISER: _____

NAMES OF THREE SUGGESTED FACULTY SECOND READERS (signatures not required):

The Molecular Biology faculty will select your second reader from among the Molecular Biology Faculty. Although we will take into consideration the faculty you suggest, it is also necessary to consider your topic, the faculty's areas of expertise, and the overall advising responsibilities of the faculty when determining your thesis second reader.

As part of the senior exercise, students are expected to:

- For an experimental senior thesis work in lab at least 8 hours per week in addition to spending time outside lab reading material relevant to your research project and working on your written Research Report (Senior Thesis). For a Senior library thesis-grant proposal work the equivalent of one afternoon per week.
- Participate in a total of 3 oral presentations one in the Fall and two in the Spring, attending class on assigned class time (Fall: Thursdays 11 to 12:15) in addition to submitting written reports, assignments specified in the deadlines section, attending presentations done by classmates, participating and providing feedback. Final Senior thesis presentation dates: **April 19 and 20, 2018 (save date!)**
- Submit a written Research Report (Senior thesis) or Library thesis-grant proposal and present your thesis in the Senior Molecular Biology Symposium at the end of the Spring semester of your senior year.

I have carefully read the senior exercise material, understand its content and agree to abide by its deadlines and conditions (<http://www.pomona.edu/academics/departments/molecular-biology/courses-requirements/seniors/>). Deadlines currently in the website applied to class of 2016, a detailed syllabus will be handed on the first day of class with the dates updated. Syllabus will also be posted on the Sakai Senior thesis site.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Return one copy of the signed contract or email from your thesis advisor acknowledging you will be working with them for the senior exercise at the end of your Junior year. An abstract, not to exceed one page describing briefly what your research project will entail, and a list of 3 references will be due to the Thesis Coordinator (Tina Negritto) before the beginning of fall semester of your senior year. Keep one copy for your records.