

Honors Research Projects in Non-EMSOP Laboratories and Clinical Sites

Students enrolled in the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy (EMSOP) may conduct their Pharm.D. Honors Research project in the laboratory or clinical site of a Rutgers University faculty member outside of EMSOP. This non-EMSOP faculty member would be the “Primary Mentor” for the student. In addition, the Pharm.D. student is required to identify an EMSOP faculty member to serve as the “Co-Mentor”. Letters from both the Primary mentor and the Co-Mentor are required in the student’s application to the PharmD Honors Research Program. Both mentors will be included on email communications between the student and the Honors Director (Dr. Wagner or Dr. Aleksunes). The following guidelines delineate the expectations for the Student, Primary Mentor, and Co-Mentor:

Student:

- The student is responsible for identifying both the Primary Mentor and the Co-Mentor and coordinating discussions between the two faculty members. The student should ensure that the research conducted by the Primary Mentor aligns with the disciplines of pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences.
- The student is responsible for scheduling at least 1 meeting per semester between the Primary Mentor, the Co-Mentor, and themselves. The purpose of this meeting is to review the progress of the research project.
- The student is responsible for sending drafts of the Honors thesis to both the Primary Mentor and Co-Mentor each semester. However, the Primary Mentor is responsible for the guidance and editing of the Student’s thesis.

Primary Mentor (Non-EMSOP Faculty Member):

- The Primary Mentor is responsible for familiarizing themselves with the EMSOP Honors guidelines https://pharm.rutgers.edu/content/pharmd_honors_research_program (see website) and through discussions with the Honors Director (Dr. Wagner or Dr. Aleksunes).
- The Primary Mentor is responsible for providing the resources and training required for the research project.
- The Primary Mentor is responsible for the continued mentorship and guidance of the Student in the Honors program (typically 2 to 3 years).
- The Primary Mentor is responsible for communicating any concerns and/or questions regarding the Student to the Honors Director.
- The Primary Mentor is responsible for informing the Co-Mentor of the final grade for the student’s research elective each semester.

Co-Mentor (EMSOP Faculty Member):

- The Student will be registered for research credits each semester under the Co-Mentor’s name.
- The Co-Mentor is responsible for submitting the final research grade assigned by Primary Mentor each semester.
- The Co-Mentor is responsible for attending at least 1 meeting with the Student and Primary Mentor each semester to review the progress of the research project.
- The Co-Mentor is responsible for serving as the peer reviewer of the written Honors thesis.