**Cohen Lab**

**Undergraduate Research Application Form**

Thank you for your interest in working in our lab! If you are interested in honors thesis or independent study, please fill out the application below.

**Please make sure that you meet the requirements before applying:**

* Must be highly motivated, intellectually curious, self-directed, and responsible; must have an excellent work ethic; must be eager to get hands-on research experience!
* Must be able to commit 10 hours per week for a minimum of 2 semesters (see scheduling section below for more on this). Honors students are expected to put in more than 10 hours per week.
* Prior research experience (honors thesis applicants only)
* Contact information of two faculty members (or one faculty and one grad student) who can provide letters of reference on your behalf (honors thesis applicants only)

**Please answer the following questions:**

1. Name:
2. Email:

1. Telephone:
2. Year in school:
3. Major(s):
4. Cumulative GPA:

Primary major GPA:

1. Do you have any experience with the following computer programs?

Microsoft Excel Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

SPSS Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Matlab Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you have any computer programming experience? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what in?

1. Have you taken calculus? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what was your grade? Grade \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you have any previous research experience? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, who was your faculty mentor or lab supervisor?

What were your duties?

For Questions 11 and 12, please answer in no more than 5 sentences.

1. What interests you about our lab? Please include relevant background experience if possible.
2. What are your career goals? How do you think the research experience in this lab will benefit you?
3. Are you fluent in any other languages? If so, which ones and what level of proficiency?
4. What position are you applying for?

Honors thesis \_\_\_\_\_ independent study \_\_\_\_\_

1. Can you commit to working for at least two semesters in the lab? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. Can you commit 10 hours per week in the lab? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
3. Any other relevant information that you would like to provide?

Honors thesis students only: Please provide the name and contact information of two faculty members (or one faculty and one grad student) who can provide a letter of reference on your behalf. One letter should come from someone you have had previous research experience with. Also, please state how you know each individual in the “relationship” field (e.g., professor for Behavioral Neuroscience course; former research advisor):

**Contact #1**

name:

relationship:

email:

**Contact #2**

name:

relationship:

email:

**Your Tentative Schedule**

To help us with our planning, please indicate the days and times when you will be available to work in the lab. You may not know your final schedule at this time, but please give us your best estimate of when you think you’ll be available for the first semester when you would be working in the lab.

**IMPORTANT**: For scheduling purposes, students must first submit at least 21 hours of availability (more is preferred) between Monday and Friday, from 8 AM to 6 PM, providing at least 15 hours on Monday – Thursday. Time blocks of 3 continuous hours are preferred (e.g., Monday 9AM – 12PM, Thursday 2PM – 5PM, etc.). This temporary “over-commitment” is necessary because of scheduling constraints and conflicts. Next, from the 21 hours of availability, 10 hours will be assigned to the final research schedule (typically, 3 shifts of 3 hours and 1 hour for lab meeting). Once the schedule has been set, you only have to **remain** **available** for these 10 assigned hours throughout the semester. Honors students are expected to work more than the assigned 10 hours per week.

**SEMESTER (Please indicate): \_\_\_\_ SUMMER** \_\_\_\_ **FALL \_\_\_\_ WINTER**

Please indicate the times that you think you will be available for research-related activities:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **Availability** |  |  |  |  |  |

A request for an updated schedule of availability will be sent prior to the start of the semester.