

University of California, Los Angeles
Interdepartmental Undergraduate Program for Neuroscience

DIRECTED RESEARCH 199AB INFORMATION
FOR SPONSORING FACULTY

The purpose of a Directed Research course in Neuroscience is to provide the opportunity for students to integrate theoretical concepts with practical implementation in a special area of interest, and to develop the skills and knowledge essential for independent inquiry.

Students in the Neuroscience Major who elect to do 199AB as part of their major requirements **MUST** complete two consecutive quarters of research in your laboratory (students are required to participate in one quarter of SRP in your laboratory prior to beginning their 199 project). Neuroscience Minors may also apply two consecutive quarters of 199 research to their minor requirements. **NEUROSCIENCE M101A IS AN ENFORCED PREREQUISITE TO NEUROSCIENCE 199.** Students are required to participate in two consecutive quarters of 199 research, and we will ask that you assign an 8 unit letter grade at the end of the **SECOND** quarter.

In an effort to maximize and maintain the quality of Neuroscience 199s, we ask that you review the following information, sign the form, and return it (or have the enrolling student return it) to the Neuroscience Advising Office. *A copy of this form can be provided for your records upon request.*

I, _____, am a faculty member at UCLA, and agree to sponsor
_____ for a Neuroscience 199 for the _____ and _____ quarters.
(ex. Fall 07 and Winter 08)

In so agreeing, I commit to actively supervise this student's project to assure that the student's efforts are of good quality, and that the student receives the necessary assistance required to understand each stage of the research.

I am aware that the student has contracted to spend, on average, a minimum of twelve hours per week in the lab. While there is flexibility in how the student accumulates the requisite hours, some oversight will be provided to be sure the student takes this commitment seriously.

By Friday of Finals Week, the student is required to submit a research paper, and a copy, signed by the faculty sponsor, must be turned in to the Neuroscience Undergraduate Advisor. Students have been advised to turn in their papers to their sponsoring faculty first, and with plenty of time for review in the case revisions are required.

Guidelines for the paper are as follows:

- 1) 1st quarter 199: a brief status report including a statement of hypothesis and significance, which should also include a literature review (3-5 pages).
- 2) 2nd quarter 199: a complete research paper in standard scientific format, in consultation with faculty sponsor (text must be a minimum of 7 pages).

While it may be the case that more than one student is working in my lab on the same or related projects, the student's paper will be an independently drafted document.

Faculty Signature _____ **Email Address** _____

Student Signature _____