

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT GRADUATION WITH DISTINCTION

### 1. How do I graduate “with distinction”?

Students who successfully complete and defend a research thesis project in their senior year will graduate with distinction. Students submit a research thesis proposal in either the spring of their junior year or in early autumn of their senior year.

### 2. Who is eligible to graduate with distinction?

Students need not be part of the Honors program in the School to participate in the senior research thesis.

To be eligible to graduate with distinction, students must have the following:

- a. **A minimum of three quarters in research with at least 8 credit hours of collateral reading, research and writing.**
- b. The student must be a full time student in his/her final year of studies.
- c. The student must have a minimum of a 3.2 point hour overall GPA.
- d. The student must maintain a 3.5 on all Allied Med courses and those taken in their own divisions.
- e. Second baccalaureate students are eligible.

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Certificate of Study students are not eligible.

### 3. What is the difference between “with honors” and “with distinction”?

With honors	With distinction
Students who graduate with honors have maintained the 3.4 GPA and have 80 points in course work, research, and service.	Students who graduate with distinction have a 3.2 GPA overall, 3.5 in all courses in the School of Allied Medical Professions, and have completed a senior research thesis.

Students may graduate with both honors and distinction.

### 4. When is my thesis proposal due?

There are three deadlines for submission of the thesis proposal:

- **Friday, October 3, 2008** for seniors to graduate with distinction (no funding available);
- **Friday March 20, 2009** for juniors seeking summer scholarships
- **Friday May 8, 2009** for juniors seeking scholarships during senior year and to graduate with distinction.

5. Can I get financial assistance to help with my research?

Yes, you may receive three types of financial assistance.

- a. Summer Scholarships for students whose thesis proposal has been approved by the SAMP Honors Committee. This award is used the summer between their junior and senior years. To be considered, thesis proposals are due by **Friday March 20, 2009.**
- b. Scholarship assistance is also available during the academic year for seniors whose thesis proposal has been approved by the SAMP Honors Committee. This is usually a partial scholarship for autumn, winter, and spring quarters. The deadline for this aid is **Friday May 8, 2009.**
- c. Students may also apply to the SAMP Honors Committee for assistance with the expenses of their research from the **Rosita Schiller Fund.** Up to \$350 may be awarded to cover such expenses as copying, postage, and lab supplies. Applications are usually submitted by the May deadline.
- d. The Pressey Honors Grants Program assists students who are candidates for **graduation with distinction** and who are **not** receiving other aid specifically designated for undergraduate research. The grant money must be used for budgeted items specifically related to the research project. For example, laboratory expenses, computer time, books, photocopying, and mailing costs are appropriate, while tuition and living expenses are not. The maximum amount for which students may apply is \$300.00. Students must be enrolled during the quarter for which they are awarded funding.

Applications should be submitted to the SAMP Honors and Research Committee for their review. Applications are available on the OSU Honors and Scholars web page. [http://honors.osu.edu/honors\\_index.html](http://honors.osu.edu/honors_index.html).

6. What should I submit to apply to graduate with distinction?

**Students should complete and submit the following forms:**

- a. **Thesis Proposal Form**
- b. **Advisor Recommendation Form**
- c. **Rosita Schiller Fund form (if requesting funding for supplies).**
- d. **Attach the thesis proposal.**

7. What should be in my thesis proposal?

**Outline of Research Thesis Proposal:** In preparing the research thesis proposal, students should use the **Research Thesis Proposal** form. . In addition, students may review the form used by the Honors and Research Committee to review research proposals (**SAMP Thesis Evaluation form**).