Background

- Department Honors is:
  - Independent research
  - Meets the capstone requirement of SAS honors
  - Introduces you to undertaking research in Economics
  - Good preparation for jobs involving research and analysis, law school, and graduate school
Requirements

• Overall GPA >3.5

• Econ GPA >3.7

• B+ or higher in Econ 322

• An adviser (Don’t forget this one)
  • Must be a member of the tenure-track faculty of the Economics Department
Two Tracks

• Independent Launch
  • Students take two semesters of “Honors research” and with the help of their adviser complete an honors thesis

• Course based Launch
  • Students write a paper in an existing course and then take one extra semester of “Honors Research” and substantially improve paper (with the help of a faculty adviser) to be used as honors thesis
The “Nuts and Bolts”

• Honors students take
  • Econ 401 Advanced Cross-sectional and Panel Econometrics (in Fall)
  • Econ 493 if independent launch or approved upper-level elective if course-based launch (in Fall)
  • Econ 494 (in Spring)

• Final Draft of Thesis due in early April (no extensions)

• Final Presentation of Thesis in mid-April.
Application Process

• Submit application by July 1, 2018
  • Application form on Honors Research webpage
    • https://economics.rutgers.edu/academics/undergraduate/honors-and-awards
  • A brief description of proposed Honors project
  • A letter (or email) from faculty adviser agreeing to advise you.
Registration

- After being admitted into program you will be given special permission numbers to enroll in
  - Econ 401
  - Econ 493

- This will be emailed to you in July or August.
Finding a Topic

- Go back through notes and reading lists from favorite Economics elective courses


- Ask faculty for suggestions.
Finding an Adviser

• Don’t be “afraid” – we don’t bite!

• Start with professors you know; even if your current professor does not do work in your area of interest, ask for recommendations of professors who do.

• Come prepared; have a possible topic or at least an area of study to propose.