

ECONOMICS HONORS RESEARCH 2018-19

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
- Consider current policy issues by reading *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Financial Times*, *The Economist*, etc.
- 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.