UCF Learning Environment and Academic Research Network (L.E.A.R.N. ™)
2017-2018 Living-Learning Community (LLC) Agreement

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The **L**earning **E**nvironment and **A**cademic **R**esearch **N**etwork (L.E.A.R.N.™) Living Learning Community (LLC) supports academic success by allowing students to be a part of a strong academic and community-focused group housed in the Hercules residence hall on the UCF Campus. This program will run from August 2017 to May 2018 and is aimed at strengthening the success of first-year science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) students. L.E.A.R.N. at UCF provides a first-year research experience, peer mentoring, personalized academic advising, priority registration, and a $500 scholarship ($250 end of fall, $250 end of spring). There will also be opportunities to participate in community service and social events.

Along with these opportunities, L.E.A.R.N. students will take two classes together: Introduction to Research I (IDS 1911, 1 credit) in the fall semester, and Introduction to Research II (IDS 2912, 2 credits) in the spring semester. The costs for these two required courses are waived. Through these two courses, students will complete a final research proposal and present a research poster about their experiences.

All students who choose to live in the L.E.A.R.N. LLC must commit to and abide by all of the standards and requirements listed below. Furthermore, students will only be eligible for the scholarship and priority registration if they fulfill the below requirements and are in good standing with the program at the end of each semester. Scholarships will be processed by Student Financial Assistance. All financial aid rules and regulations apply.

L.E.A.R.N. Living Learning Standards

I understand that:

1. I will be held accountable to the Housing and Residence Life Agreement Terms and Conditions, Community Living Guide, and the UCF Golden Rule, including but not limited to:
    a. Being a positive impact on the community and taking responsibility for my behavior.
    b. Ensuring that my guests are aware of, and abide by, all the policies included in these documents.
    c. Reporting those residents who violate community standards to the Housing and Residence Life staff.
    d. Adhering to quiet hours in my room and common spaces (10pm-8am every day).
2. LEARN staff will make room and roommate assignments for the LEARN floor in conjunction with UCF Housing and Residence Life staff, according to best practices for such environments.
3. If, at any point, I am no longer part of the LEARN program (due to voluntary withdrawal or administrative removal), I will be administratively moved to another room within UCF housing (if an appropriate space is available).

L.E.A.R.N. Program Requirements

I will:

1. Major in engineering, computer science, life science (i.e., biology, biomedical), biotechnology, chemistry, physics, statistics or mathematics. I am interested in this major, and I am going to actively work to be successful in my academics by having <u>no less than a 3.0 GPA</u> while in the program.
   a. Complete a mid-term progress report during the first semester to ensure I am performing well in my courses.
   b. Students below a 3.0 GPA may remain in the program the following semester on a case-by-case basis, but will not receive the scholarship.
2. Be a full-time student at UCF and live in the Hercules residence hall for Fall 2017 and Spring 2018.
3. Move into Housing prior to August 19th and attend 2 half-day LEARN orientations on Saturday, August 19th and Sunday, August 27th. (Schedule will be sent out in the summer.)
4. Register for the appropriate sections of the classes I am required to take: Introduction to Research I (IDS 1911, 1 credit) - Fall 2017 and Introduction to Research II (IDS 2912, 2 credits) - Spring 2018.
   a. Registration assistance will be provided at orientation.
   b. The cost of these courses is waived.
5. Successfully complete my research apprenticeship and follow all of the guidelines provided to me in the Introduction to Research course. The apprenticeship time (three hours) will be scheduled in priority to any other commitments (e.g., work, clubs).
   a. If applicable, I understand that as a life science major, I may be placed in an apprenticeship position at the Lake Nona College of Medicine campus. If so, transportation will be arranged with the UCF Shuttle system, which will increase the time commitment to the apprenticeship.
6. Attend a minimum of 1 community service event, 2 social events, and 3 academic presentations each semester.
7. End the program with at least a <u>2.5 GPA to continue receiving priority registration</u> after the program. Priority course registration post-LEARN will only be given to students who <u>successfully complete all program requirements</u>.
8. Meet every other week (August through October) and monthly (November through April) one-on-one with my Peer Mentor and respond to their correspondence within 48 hours.
9. Meet with an academic advisor at least once in the fall and once in the spring semester before my priority registration date and time.
10. Attend at least two tutoring sessions my first semester (see involvement form).
11. Not be a part of other structured academic programs during my first-year such as Honors College, EXCEL, COMPASS, LEAD and/or PRIME.

I understand that failure to meet these L.E.A.R.N. community requirements will cause me to be ineligible for the program, forfeit my scholarship, priority registration, and/or housing assignment on the L.E.A.R.N. floor.

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Print Name   UCFID

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Signature   Signature of Parent/Guardian if student is under 18 years of age