


NIH MARC U-STAR PROGRAM

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Contract of Commitment for MARC Scholar

Scholar name: _____ NEIU ID #: _____

- I have read and understand the MARC Scholar Handbook
- I will attend all MARC related events that do not cause conflicts with classes. 
- I will see my MARC faculty mentor once a week.
- I will work 15-20 hours a week in designated research lab. Time sheets have to be typed up, signed by the faculty mentor and handed in to the MARC Program Coordinator on the last Thursday of the month.
- I will maintain a GPA minimum of 3.25 but must achieve a 3.5 by the end of my first year in the program.
- I will take the required courses with approval from MARC Program Directors. I understand that withdrawing from a class without prior approval of MARC Program Directors may jeopardize my MARC scholar appointment.
- I will declare and complete a Mathematics and Statistical Modeling of Complex Systems Minor.
- I will go to at least one regional and/or one national research conference accompanied by my faculty mentor and/or program director(s).
- I will attend and present my research at ABRCMS (Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students) conference in my senior year.
- I will present my research at these research symposia at NEIU during my time as a scholar: the SCSE Student Research Symposium in the Fall and the Annual Student Research and Creative Activities Symposium in the Spring.

- I will give an oral presentation at the NEIU Annual Research and Creative Activities Symposium once during my time as a scholar.
- I will attend the NEIU Faculty Research and Creative Activities Symposium in the fall during my time as a scholar.
- I will do the external summer research internship at a research-intensive university the summer before my senior year. I will work with the Program Directors to find a suitable summer placement in the fall semester preceding the summer internship.
- I will write and apply for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowships Program (GRFP) in my senior year.
- I will study for the GRE the summer before my senior year and take the GRE test by October of my senior year (unless the graduate programs I intend to apply to do not require it).
- I will complete the required materials for graduate school applications by November 1st my senior year and share them with my research advisor and MARC directors for suggestions and comments.
- I will serve as a mentor for new MARC scholars.
- I will complete an honors thesis and defend it in the Spring semester of my senior year.
- I will attend and complete a PhD program in Biomedical or Behavioral related sciences.
- I will behave in an honorable and ethical manner and will show respect and sensitivity to those around me.
- I will respond to program coordinator's request for information promptly.
- I understand that I will have a contractual agreement with the National Institutes of Health through X-train (form PHS 2271) to honor this training commitment for 18-24 months.
- I have never been convicted of, plead guilty, no contest or nolo contendere, to a misdemeanor or felony.

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Signature _____ Date _____