2016-17 Biology Department Honors Program Application

Target Due Date: May 9, 2016

The Boston College Biology Honors Program is a research-based program open to senior biology majors.

To be eligible for the honors program, students must have a minimum science GPA of 3.2 and be working on an independent research project under the mentorship of a biology faculty member.

During the fall and spring of their senior year, students in the honors program continue their research project (enrolling in BIOL 4955/4953), write a thesis describing their research, and participate in a 1-credit Senior Thesis Seminar (BIOL 4941/4942). The Senior Thesis Seminar meets once per week and is a pass-fail course. Students in the Senior Thesis Seminar give an oral presentation of their thesis and also exchange drafts of their thesis with their peers.

All students in the Honors Program present their research at Undergraduate Research Day in May and give an oral presentation open to all members of the Biology Department.

Biology Honors Students may also be eligible to apply for the Scholar of the College (SOC) program. Students who are accepted in the university SOC program will register for a six-credit Advanced Independent Research course (BIOL 4921) and also for the Biology Thesis Seminar. To be eligible to apply for SOC status, students need an overall cumulative GPA of 3.7. Students who are interested in applying to the SOC program should also apply using this form and indicate that they are also applying for SOC status.

To apply, students should submit the following:

- **Research Proposal** – Fill out this form on this page and attach a brief (1-2 page) research proposal for your senior year and how this research fits into your career goals.

- **Letter of Support from Faculty Mentor** – You should speak with your faculty mentor about your research goals for next year and have him/her submit a letter of support to Meg Barry in the Biology Office. Students engaged in off-campus research should include the names of both their off-campus and BC co-mentors.

Please submit your applications (either by email or in person) to Meg Barry (megan.barry.3@bc.edu) in the Biology Office (Higgins 355).

**Student Name:** ______________________________________________________

**Faculty Mentor:** ______________________________________________________

**Science GPA:** ________________