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Dear Professor Lindemann:

The Office for Undergraduate Research requests a change in the criteria for undergraduate students to be awarded the Carolina Research Scholar transcript designation. The requirements currently include (a) completion of a 1-credit IDST 194 Modes of Inquiry course, one 3-credit multidisciplinary course research-exposure course; or one 3-credit research-intensive course; (b) completion of at least two research-intensive courses totaling at least 6 credit hours; and (c) presentation of research findings at the annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research symposium or professional conference.

We request an addition to (a) to allow a newly established course IDST 184, "Research Beyond Academia," to fulfill the multidisciplinary course requirement. Thus, either IDST 194 or IDST 184 could fulfill this requirement. This expands the options available to students to complete this multi-disciplinary requirement.

We also request a modification of (b) to require that students complete "at least two research-intensive courses totaling at least 6 credits; or one 3-credit research methods course and one 3-credit research intensive course." This change is intended to emphasize the importance of research methods in some academic disciplines and the need to develop skills in research methods as students seek to become research scholars in their disciplines.

No changes to the Undergraduate Bulletin would be required if this request is approved.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We hope that the undergraduate curriculum committee will be amenable to this revision to the requirements to earn the Carolina Research Scholar transcript designation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista M. Pereira".

Krista Perreira
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