

## RESEARCH SCHOLAR DESCRIPTION

Research scholars are students who have demonstrated academic excellence in the high-impact practice of undergraduate research. Scholars have gone beyond the minimum of taking three hours of 499 course work. The Office of Undergraduate Research will announce the names of all students who have earned this achievement at the annual awards' convo and honor them with a certificate and graduation cord. Names of research scholars will also appear on the graduation program.

### Minimum Criteria for Designation as a Research Scholar:

1. A minimum GPA of 3.75 from any research-related coursework
2. Successful completion of three hours of 499 or equivalent (e.g., 490)
3. Presentation at the RISE Above conference (or equivalent)
4. Submission of scholarly work to Milligan Digital Repository (ideally by Award's convo for May graduates or December 1<sup>st</sup> for December graduates)
5. Participation in at least one faculty or academic lecture sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Research
6. Completion of IRB human subject's protection training module in Canvas
7. Completion of at least 2 advanced research activities such as but not limited to, the following:
  - a. advanced research methods courses *not already required in your major*
  - b. research workshops/webinars, independent readings about methodology
  - c. submission for publication in a journal, magazine, or similar outlet
  - d. presentation at a national or discipline-specific conference *in addition to* Rise Above
  - e. summer REU (research experiences for undergraduates) at another institution or research-related fieldwork
  - f. graduate-level courses with a research emphasis
  - g. language skills in original languages above that necessary for BA

List the activities on your application and elaborate on any of them in your cover letter if they are not self-explanatory. There may be other activities not listed here that would be acceptable alternatives, but they should be activities that go beyond what may have been essential for completion of your independent research project. The committee will consider the merits of requested substitutions.

### Application Instructions

To apply for the designation of Undergraduate Research Scholar, the applicant must (1) complete the following application form, (2) submit a cover letter with the application, and (3) provide a letter of recommendation from the faculty mentor that describes the applicant's work ethic, attitude toward research, notable accomplishments, and progress toward the minimum criteria listed above.

Application materials are due by November 15<sup>th</sup> (for December graduates) and March 15<sup>th</sup> (May graduates).

**RESEARCH SCHOLAR APPLICATION  
FACULTY RECOMMENDATION FORM**



*Please type your responses and email all materials to  
research@milligan.edu*

Mentor Name:

Student's Name:

Do you recommend this student be recognized as a research scholar?

- No
- Yes, with reservations
- Yes, without reservation

Please explain your recommendation. Describe this student's work ethic, attitude toward research, notable accomplishments, and progress toward the minimum criteria.