NEUR 485, 1-3 credits
Please fill out this information, with your research supervisor’s assistance as needed. Email to J. David Dickman, Dickman@bcm.edu in order to obtain special registration signature for NEUR 485.

1. Name of research supervisor, (PI) department, institution, and contact email:

2. What is the topic of the project? (one or two sentences description of research)

3. Project dates:
   Start date:  
   Finish date:  
   (or a close estimate of each of these)

Baylor College of Medicine (BCM), Univ. Texas Health Sciences Center (UTHSC), or MD Anderson (MDS) personnel will need to authorize access if you will be working in their facilities. Your Rice badge will allow you access to the buildings, but you must have it with you when on campus. If you will be working with humans or animals, you will need your PI to add you to their IRB/IACUC protocol and get security clearance for these institutions. Your PI will help you but you should start early.

5. Expectations of the research supervisor and the student:
   a. How many hours a week will you work on the research?

   For 3 credit hours the usual time spent on the project is 8-10 hours per week; 8 is appropriate if there is a final write-up, and 10 is usual if not. But the supervisor and you should agree on the hours per week. Less credit can be earned for proportionally less time (i.e. you can sign up for 1 or 2 credits), but the number of credits must be selected by mutual agreement of faculty supervisor and student at time of registration.

   b. Will there be regular meetings between student and PI?. If so, how often: weekly, every two weeks, twice during semester, etc.
c. Is there a final write-up or other final task, such as a Powerpoint presentation to your research group, an abstract, or a draft section, written by you, of a publication or other paper?

A write-up is not required, but if done, suggested to be relatively short, generally 5 pages double-spaced at the maximum.

d. If there is a final write-up or other task, what is the due date? The PI can set the due date for any final work to turn in, but it must be with Rice's guidelines for grade submission (end of finals week). Graduating seniors must have all work complete by the senior deadline. The end of classes is the other main possibility for deadline for final work. This should be agreed in advance and the date written here.

e. Grading. The PI must report the grade for NEUR 485 to the Rice Neuroscience Program Director (J. David Dickman – Dickman@bcm.edu ) to be recorded for the Rice registrar. The grade is evaluated based upon performance as determined by PI, including research, write-up, presentation, etc, but should be discussed as the time this form is completed so student and PI understand mutual expectations.

Briefly outline how evaluation for grade will be accomplished:

6. Write Name and Date to show when you and your supervisor made this agreement.

Student
NAME DATE

PI/supervisor
NAME DATE