

CSCI 390: SUPERVISED RESEARCH CONTRACT

The purpose of this contract is to promote discussion between students and their faculty supervisors about the nature of the research project. You and your supervisor should have an explicit agreement about the quantity and type of work you are expected to do, as well as how you will be graded. You should also decide when and how often you will meet, and how your meetings are to be structured. Please bear in mind that, regardless of the nature of your project, you are required to write a substantial final paper, not just a report of your activities.

Complete this form and return it to the program director for approval *by the end of the first week of classes*.

Student's Name:

Faculty Supervisor's Name:

Semester and Year:

Topic:

1. Intellectual contribution to cognitive science

CSCI 390 is not intended to be simply free labor for the supervisor; the student is expected to make an intellectual contribution to the research. Furthermore, the research must be primarily focussed on something related to cognition. (Not all Psychology/Neuroscience/etc is focussed on cognition). Use this section to explain the intellectual contribution to the research and how this is primarily cognitive in nature.

2. Nature of work required

Use this section to specify the expectations regarding the kind of work (and quantity) to be completed over the course of the semester, including guidelines for how often you and your advisor will meet.

3. Guidelines for the final paper

Use this section to state the details regarding the final paper. Include a general description of the type of paper (e.g., a literature review, an analytical paper, a experimental report, etc.), as well as the expected length. Bear in mind that the final paper is to be a substantial work and not merely a summary of the activities undertaken during the semester. There is no single model for the final paper. So to ensure that your paper will suffice, be sure to discuss your proposal with the program director.

4. Basis of final grade

Use this section to state the basis for the final grade.

Student signature:

Faculty supervisor signature:

Date: