In order for a medical student to receive STAR equivalency credit and be permitted to enroll in the Research Honors Program at Loyola’s Stritch School of Medicine, any outside research mentor must be able to affirm the following statements about the student’s summer research experience:

- The student will participate in a full time (min. 40 hrs/week) research experience for 8 weeks.
- The student will participate in an educational forum (seminars/journal clubs) during the 8 week research experience.
- The student will be in a position to present his/her research results in a poster at Loyola University Chicago’s St. Albert’s Day celebration in the fall following the summer research experience.
- Give specific information about the project as well as information about how it will mirror the STAR program here at Loyola (full time research, seminars, oversight by mentor). It must be clear that there will be enough information to present a poster at St. Albert’s Day in the fall. (the STAR requirements/criteria are on our website at https://hsd.luc.edu/research_services/studentresearch/starprogram/)

(Please note that STAR equivalent students are not eligible to apply for the STAR scholarship award.)

Student’s Name:

Project description: (by mentor): (a separate sheet can be attached, if more space is needed)

I hereby certify that all the above requirements are being met by the student. I further acknowledge that this student will complete the summer research experience at an appropriate level so as to recommend him/her for the Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine Research Honors Program.

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Research Mentor Signature  Date

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Research Mentor Institution  Research Mentor email

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