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Dear Graduate Students with Interim Research Advisors:

According to our records you are working with an interim research advisor **or** have not signed a Research Agreement Form. If you are a TA, or TF and you cannot find sufficient course credits to meet your part-time or full-time teaching registration requirement, you must find a **DIRECTED Research** project to earn the missing credits. Carrying out a Directed Research project will provide you with an opportunity to learn more about that research area and what it is like to work with that faculty member while at the same time it will enable the faculty member to get to know you. \*A&S Fellows who are not taking an advanced course, must arrange to do directed research of their choosing with a faculty member.

TAs or TFs who are no longer taking a full load of core or advanced courses, must register for Directed Research for remaining credits (full enrollment for courses and research credits cannot exceed 15 total). When you have reached an understanding about a Directed Research project you're your interim faculty member, please complete the form below jointly with that faculty member.

[\[Students, please return the completed form to Leyla by the add/drop deadline for the current term.\]](#)

## Physics and Astronomy Departmental DIRECTED RESEARCH Agreement Form

**For students enrolled in Physics 3907 or Astron 3907 this term –**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Entered Program: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

**TERM** of TA, TF, or ASF appointment \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_ Is a project available? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, briefly describe below.

Name of Faculty Member and Brief Description of Directed Research Project and Expectations:

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**Directed Research Faculty Member's Signature** / \_\_\_\_\_ **Student's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ Date

\* \_\_\_\_\_ **(Academic Advisor's Signature, 1<sup>st</sup> yr students only)**  
(use back if needed)