
MASTER IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE Capstone Mentor Selection Form

The capstone course (**MBS 5040S**) provides students with an opportunity to perform independent research under the mentorship of a faculty member of Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Students should review the list of Capstone Mentors provided by the MBS program directors and peruse the RWJMS website for potential faculty mentors/fields of research. Students should contact faculty with whom they are interested in working to discuss possible mentorship. Course Directors are available to aid students in identifying a suitable mentor based on the student's research interests/goals. Please note that the Capstone Mentor list is provided as a guide for students. Any RWJMS faculty member, even those not on the list, may act as a mentor to an MBS student. Faculty on the list may choose not to mentor in a given year or may mentor more than one student in a given year, provided that each student works on a separate and distinct project. If a potential mentor has questions regarding the program, mentors should contact one of the Course Directors for the Capstone Course.

Once a faculty member has been selected and has agreed to serve as a mentor, the student must complete the **Capstone Mentor Selection Form**. The form should be signed by the mentor and by one of the Capstone Course Directors.

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After mentor selection, students should meet with their mentors to develop a project and should meet periodically thereafter to ensure sufficient progress in their research. We suggest weekly meetings between the student and the mentor to keep the project progressing. Please consult the course syllabus for important dates and student assignments.

Capstone Course Directors Contact Information:

Dr. Smita Thakker-Varia:
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Course MBS 5040S**

This form is to be completed by the student prior to engaging in a capstone project. The student must obtain signatures from both the faculty member who will be mentoring the student for the capstone project and one of the course directors for the capstone course. This form should then be submitted to the MBS program in the Graduate School office located in the Research Tower, room R-102, 675 Hoes Lane, Piscataway. If you have questions, please contact one of the course directors -- Dr. Smita Thakker-Varia at varia@rutgers.edu or Dr. Debabrata Banerjee at banerjed@rwjms.rutgers.edu.

Student Name: _____

Student email Address: _____

MENTOR SELECTION

Please list the name, title, department, and contact information of mentor along with proposed project title or focus, if known.

Faculty Name: _____

Faculty Title: _____

Faculty Department/Division: _____

Faculty Contact Information: _____

Project Title/Focus: _____

APPROVALS

Approval of Faculty (Mentor): _____
Name Date

Approval of Course Director: _____
Name Date

Please complete the questions on the following page regarding use of animals and human subjects for research if applicable.

STUDENTS WILL NOT RECEIVE COURSE CREDIT IF THE APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONAL APPROVALS HAVE NOT BEEN OBTAINED FOR THEIR CAPSTONE PROJECT!!!!

IMPORTANT: This part of the form is not needed for literature-based projects

CERTIFICATION FOR THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF ANIMALS (IACUC):

Any project involving laboratory animals must be reviewed and approved by an appropriate institutional committee. Please check the appropriate statement.

Will laboratory animals be used in the proposed activities planned in this project?

Yes _____
No _____

If yes, you must complete all information below

Protocol Number:

Approval Date:

Please submit documentation to the course directors that the student's name has been added to the above referenced animal protocol. If this is not required, please submit an explanation in writing to the course directors. Documentation may be submitted under separate cover from the Mentor Selection Form but should be submitted as soon as possible.

CERTIFICATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS (IRB)

Any project involving human subjects (including surveys) must be reviewed and approved by an appropriate institutional committee. Please check the appropriate statement.

Will human subjects be used in the proposed activities planned in this project?

Yes _____
No _____

If yes, you must complete all information below.

Protocol Number:

Approval Date:

Please submit documentation to the course directors that the student's name has been added to the above referenced human subjects protocol. If this is not required, please submit an explanation in writing to the course directors. Documentation may be submitted under separate cover from the Mentor Selection Form but should be submitted as soon as possible.