



Psychology UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

EXTERNAL RESEARCH PROJECT (PSY3000H)

All students in the first year of the PhD program are required to enrol in PSY3000H. The idea of this course is to give students experience doing research with a supervisor and lab other than their primary supervisor(s). *The External Project research must be done under the supervision of a member of the Psychology graduate faculty other than the student's primary supervisor(s).* If the primary supervisor does not have his/her primary appointment in the Department, the outside project should be completed under the direction of a member of the graduate faculty who does. Students changing supervisors between their MA and PhD or who have a Master's degree from another university may choose to opt out of this course (with approval), but must replace it with a half credit content course.

The "H" designation indicates that the course will normally be taken as a half-course spread out over one year. This pacing of the course seems more realistic than compressing it into one term. It is anticipated that the first term will be spent in planning, and the second term in execution. Remember that this course is only meant to give students experience working in a second lab. Students are not expected to produce a second thesis. Supervisors are also asked to remember that it is only equivalent to a half credit course and should therefore adjust their expectations accordingly.

Please keep the following in mind:

- Students must choose an outside project supervisor and hand in the signed PSY3000H form no later than the last day of January in PhD1 (4-year PhD) or PhD2 (5-year Direct-Entry PhD).
- Except under very unusual circumstances, the work is expected to involve the collection of data – library research is not acceptable for this course.
- The student's primary supervisor(s) and the outside project supervisor should meet together with the student to discuss the outside project and to ensure that it fulfills both the student's educational needs and is realistic (can be completed within the allotted time period, and that it is not so demanding that it prevents the student from conducting his or her own, primary research). *The outside project should on average not take more than 8-10 hours per week.*
- A paper in the format of a manuscript, but no longer than 50 pages (including tables, references, and figures) should be submitted. Please note that this paper can include an experiment with results that did not reach the significance level. The most important thing about PSY3000H is the learning experience. The deadline for submission to your outside project supervisor is the last Monday in April of PhD2 (4-year PhD) or PhD3 (5-year Direct-Entry PhD). Students are not required to submit their outside project paper to the Graduate Office.
- Students will be graded on the basis of both the quality of the paper and their intellectual contribution to the formulation and execution of the project. The outside project grade is due from the outside project supervisor to the Graduate Office by the end of the summer term in PhD2 (4-year PhD) or PhD3 (5-year Direct-Entry PhD).

Please provide a description of the proposed project.

How does this project differ from the student's main area of study?

How will this external project experience benefit the student?

Please provide a planned schedule of events for completion of the project.

Please provide an estimated number of hours per week the student will spend on the project:

Please sign below and return to the Graduate Office by January 31.

Student

Name & Signature

Supervisor(s)

Name(s) & Signature(s)

Outside Project Supervisor

Name & Signature

Date

Graduate Director

Signature