

A banner image with a blue tint showing silhouettes of people in a laboratory or classroom setting. The text "BIOSCIENCES AT RICE" is overlaid in white, serif, all-caps font.

BIOSCIENCES AT RICE

Biosciences Department Requirements for the DIR award:

1. Please consult with your research advisor before making an application. All candidates must have a letter of recommendation or supporting statement from their research advisor.
2. Applicants must be in good academic standing in courses completed at Rice University.
3. The quality and quantity of the candidate's research contributed substantially to research efforts in one or more labs (which do not have to be at Rice).
4. Competitive candidates' research findings have commonly been disseminated through presentations at meetings and/or publications (papers and abstracts).
5. Candidates have customarily completed BIOS 401 or HONS 471, and have concurrent registration in BIOS 402 or HONS 472. Students performing exemplary research in other courses are also eligible for the award.
6. Candidates should list any previously earned undergraduate research awards.
7. The scope of the candidate's research project should fall within one of the disciplines prescribed by the department degree programs, meaning the primary methodology should be from life sciences and/or biology. For instance, projects where the primary research focus is on methods in engineering, computer science, or earth science should apply to the related departments.

What are the required application materials?

1. Completed Application Form (located at the end of this document), including description of research or creative work (500 words maximum).
2. Recommendation letter or email of supporting statement from supporting faculty.
3. Application and supporting documents should be emailed to the Biosciences Undergraduate Program Coordinator, George Razzo at gr22@rice.edu.

Biosciences Department Awards for Graduating Seniors

The Biosciences undergraduate senior awards are nominated by faculty only, students do not make application for these awards. Biosciences Undergraduate Senior Awards are restricted to students graduating with the Biosciences major.

Distinction in Research and Creative Works Application

Department of Biosciences

Student Application:

Name: _____ Residential College: _____
Student ID Number: _____ Major(s): _____
Rice Email: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____
Cell Phone: _____

Criteria:

- I am currently in good academic standing in courses completed at Rice. I am currently enrolled in or have already completed any courses included in my department's "Distinction in Research and Creative Works" criteria.
- I will submit my final thesis/project/presentation/creative work on or before **the last of finals for the spring semester**.

Attach a separate document that includes the title and description of your Research or Creative Works: (500 maximum word count)

List any Research Presentations:

List any Research Awards:

List any Research Publications:

Title of Research Project (to be listed at commencement):

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Research Advisor:

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Title: _____ Email: _____

Department:

Please indicate by signing below that you recommend this student be considered for the award of Distinction in Research and Creative Work. This honor is awarded upon graduation to select students whose achievements go "above and beyond the norm" in their area of research, design, or other creative work. The supporting faculty member is expected to have worked with the student on a regular basis and have intimate knowledge of the student's accomplishments, capabilities, and/or contributions in research, design, or other creative work. **The supporting statement from faculty (approximately 1 page) for the awards committee should be emailed directly to gr22@rice.edu. The statement should address the substance and significance of the research/design/creative work and/or, if appropriate, the student's contribution to a research/design/creative project.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____