

**USC Leonard Davis School - PhD Program in Geroscience  
FACULTY MENTOR SELECTION FORM**

**I. Student Commitment**

In pursuit of my PhD research I, \_\_\_\_\_ have chosen to do my Ph.D.  
(Student name)

dissertation research under the direction of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Faculty name)

**II. Faculty Commitment**

As the faculty mentor, I hereby certify that:

- I have sufficient financial resources for at least the next two school years\* to support the stipend (see below) and the research needs and laboratory space requirements of the Geroscience PhD student;
- I will make sure that the Geroscience PhD student is able to participate in all required coursework and training as needed (e.g., RCR, biosafety, human subjects), and all programmatic activities (e.g. retreat) during their time under my mentorship.

**III. USC Lab Safety training**

Date of completion: \_\_\_\_\_ (send PDF of certificate to Student Services)

Faculty Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

USC ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student USC Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Director, Geroscience Ph.D. Program

**\*Continuation and Reappointment**

*The continuation and/or reappointment of any Research Assistant (RA) position is based on the student's successful performance of research duties, and satisfactory academic progress. RAs must meet the program and PI expectations as outlined in the contractual offer letter. In some cases, the reappointment of RAs is dependent on the continuation of contract or grant funding. Mediocre performance or conduct may result in the immediate withdrawal of a RA position.*

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