

# Gifted and Talented Research Program

GT

Independent Research  
Application Packet

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EDUCATION PROGRAM

Oakland Mills High School  
Howard County Public Schools

Dear Student:

Thank you for your interest in the GT Independent Research Program. By picking up this application, you are already distinguishing yourself with the opportunity for college-level research. If you have the commitment to complete a task, an above average ability in your interest area, and creativity, you can excel in the GT Program!

While in the Independent Research program, students design an original research study or creative production in self-selected areas of interest. Students learn advanced-level research methodologies and college-level writing and oral presentation skills. Under the guidance of the G/T resource teacher, each student identifies a problem and formulates a research question. Student researchers address identified problems, answer research questions, and communicate the results of their creative achievements to appropriate audiences. Students collaborate and receive ongoing feedback from professionals in their selected areas of study.

If you have questions about the program, you and your parents are invited to an **Informational Meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 7pm** in the **Media Center**. If you cannot attend, please visit [omhs.hcpss.org](http://omhs.hcpss.org) to find the presentation that was shown during the meeting.

I will use this application and teacher recommendations to make decisions about how many students to accept. Please be certain that your application is complete and on time. **All applications are due in the GT Resource Room (100) by Tuesday, January 31, 2017.** Teachers will submit the recommendation forms directly to me at their convenience. There is no “intake” interview for Independent Research, as described in the course catalog – this application meets that prerequisite. Once applications are submitted, it may take several weeks to process the information. Letters of decision will be sent by early-April at the latest.

**For the purposes of completing your course selection sheet for next year, you should include the Independent Research program (course number 195M) as one of your seven classes.** Once students have been selected for the program, Student Services will be alerted, and will make schedule changes if necessary.

Thank you for your interest in our school’s program. You are taking advantage of a wonderful opportunity. I am available in the GT Resource Room to answer questions or discuss concerns.

Sincerely,

Ms. Julia Bakhru  
Oakland Mills High School  
Gifted and Talented Resource Teacher

**PLEASE TEAR OFF AND KEEP THIS LETTER BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION.**

**Gifted and Talented Independent Research Program Application  
Oakland Mills High School**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, January 31, 2017**

Carefully read and complete this form. Please TYPE or PRINT using blue or black ink.

**STEP 1: Student Information**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level for this year (Circle one)      9<sup>th</sup>      10<sup>th</sup>      11<sup>th</sup>

**Current Student Schedule** (please list the course name and level, i.e., honors, G/T, AP)

Period One: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Rm: \_\_\_\_\_

Period Two: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Rm: \_\_\_\_\_

Period Three: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Rm: \_\_\_\_\_

Period Four A: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Rm: \_\_\_\_\_

Period Four B: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Rm: \_\_\_\_\_

Period Five: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Rm: \_\_\_\_\_

Period Six: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Rm: \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 2: Area(s) of Interest**

Participation in the Independent Research course requires you to produce an original project or creative production based on college-level research. You do not need to have a project in mind at this point, but in order for your application to be considered, you must identify a **tentative**, general area(s) of interest at this time. The area(s) of interest may be changed at a later date.

**Area(s) of interest:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type a well developed paragraph that addresses why you indicated the area of interest and what you bring to this topic in the way of background. Please attach the paragraph to this application packet.**

\_\_\_\_\_

### **STEP 3: Recommendations**

Please give the attached **Recommendation Forms** to **two** of your **teachers**. You should complete the “Area of Interest” before giving it to your teacher. Your teacher will return the form to me directly. List below the names of the teachers from whom you requested recommendations.

I have given the recommendation forms to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### **STEP 4: Signatures**

Timely submission of this application is the responsibility of each applicant. Students submitting an incomplete application will not be considered for the program. Submit completed application to Ms. Bakhru in the G/T Resource Room (100).

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

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **STEP 5: Documentation**

- Please attach a photocopy of your most recent report card OR initial here if Ms. Bakhru may simply look it up in Synergy: \_\_\_\_\_
- Add Independent Research to your **course selection sheet** – the course number is 195M.

**Ms. Bakhru, G/T Resource Teacher**  
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Columbia, MD 21045  
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#### **TO BE COMPLETED BY MS. BAKHRU**

*Quality of Essay:*      Excellent                      Average                      Poor

*Teacher Rec. #1:* HR              R              RR  
    \_\_\_ Average Ratings

*Teacher Rec. #2:* HR              R              RR  
    \_\_\_ Average Ratings

*Current Report Card:*  
English level: R              H              G/T                      ESOL  
History of G/T course enrollment:

Comments:

**Howard County Public School System**  
**GIFTED AND TALENTED INDEPENDENT RESEARCH COURSE**  
**TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Area(s) of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please supply information about the above student with regard to the following areas:

<b>Ability to carry out in-depth independent work:</b>	poor	average	excellent	don't know
<b>Written Communication Skills:</b>	poor	average	excellent	don't know
<b>Interpersonal skills:</b>	poor	average	excellent	don't know
<b>Initiative:</b>	poor	average	excellent	don't know
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<b>Commitment to tasks:</b>	poor	average	excellent	don't know
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<b>Enthusiasm and sincerity:</b>	poor	average	excellent	don't know
<b>Integrity and demonstrated reliability:</b>	poor	average	excellent	don't know

**Overall:** \_\_\_ *highly recommend* \_\_\_ *recommend* \_\_\_ *recommend with reservations*

**Additional Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Evaluator's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Evaluator's Printed Name::** \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject(s) taught:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How long and in what capacity have you known this student?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this completed form to Ms. Bakhru. Thank you for your time and attention.**



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