

**2025 - 2026 Sponsor Acknowledgment Form
Undergraduate Student Project**

This Sponsor Acknowledgment Form is required for each project involving external sponsors. It is to be completed after the faculty departmental contact and the Sponsor have defined the essential details of the project.

Department, course number(s) and faculty contact:

Project title and brief description and semester(s) will be active - attach additional description page as necessary:

Project Sponsor information:

- organization name and address:
- name and title of project coordinator:
- email and phone:

Thank you for your interest in supporting a student project in connection with a course at Iowa State University. These courses are designed to provide our students with real-world experience in their chosen discipline. In return for your support of and participation in this student project, the University will provide you with a copy of the project results, including as appropriate, any data, analysis, hardware and/or software (referred to as student project results) provided you complete and sign this form.

1A. Please understand that this undergraduate course is educational in nature and intended to facilitate student learning and students may make mistakes as a natural, expected, and appropriate aspect of the educational process. Therefore, student project results are provided “AS IS” WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTIES WHATSOEVER, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT NECESSARILY LIMITED TO ANY WARRANTY AS TO FITNESS FOR PARTICULAR PURPOSES, MERCHANTABILITY OR NON-INFRINGEMENT. All student projects are performed by University students and are not subject to peer review or independent verification of results. You hereby agree to hold harmless the University, the State of Iowa, the Board of Regents of the State of Iowa and their agents, employees, students and volunteers for any and all harm, loss, liability, claims or damages which may arise from your use of the student project results in whatever manner or form.

1B. For purposes of this agreement, there shall be no export controlled information disclosed by any party. Further, it is understood that foreign nationals may be part of the student group working on this project.

Please check the box below:

☐ I agree.

2. While it is the University's preference that sponsors make a reasonable effort to avoid the inclusion of confidential information into a student project which takes place in an open and collaborative academic learning environment, it is understood that there may be situations where a Sponsor wants to share information that is to be held in confidence. It is the responsibility of the sponsor to determine if any confidential information will be involved in this project and to sign a separate confidentiality form (Non-Disclosure Agreement) if this is the case.

Please check the appropriate box below:

☐ **I WILL NOT be sharing any confidential information during this project and will not need to sign a confidentiality agreement.**

☐ **I WILL be sharing confidential information during this project and have signed a separate confidentiality agreement.**

3. While the University encourages sponsors to permit student participants to retain their intellectual property rights related to the project, it is understood that there may be situations where the Sponsor wants to obtain ownership rights from participants.

Please check the appropriate box below to indicate how you desire to proceed regarding this issue:

☐ **Student/University Retains IP** - Student project results provided shall be used solely for your internal review and analysis. Any and all rights to the student project results, including all intellectual property rights, if any, shall remain the rights of the individual student participants as appropriate under the law regarding rights to and ownership of intellectual property unless there is a separate written agreement addressing the ownership of intellectual property. Prior to any commercial use or subsequent transfer of any student project results, you must obtain the appropriate rights from the respective owners.

☐ **Sponsor Retains IP** - I desire to obtain ownership rights from the participants and I have signed the Special Intellectual Property Agreement Form that clarifies the ownership of the intellectual property.

4. The student project results are not the work of the University and any references either internally or to third parties shall clearly identify the source of the student project results as an undergraduate student project performed at the University without subsequent independent evaluation.

5. A facsimile or scan of any original signature transmitted by one party to the other party is effective as if the original was sent to the other party.

Please check the box below:

☐ **I agree.**

I AGREE TO THE ABOVE TERMS AS CHECKED IN THIS DOCUMENT:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____