## SCHOOL OF MOLECULAR BIOSCIENCES

## STUDENT CONDUCT AND ACADEMIC INTEGRITY CONTRACT

Please read and initial each statement on the line provided. This document that you have signed will be kept in your file.

## Student Conduct

SMB supports the Student Conduct Policy of the University. Websites concerning WSU core values and student conduct are: [www.conduct.wsu.edu/](http://www.conduct.wsu.edu/)

 I have read the documents from these websites and I understand their content.

Furthermore, I agree to abide by the standards of conduct detailed in these documents.

## Academic integrity

WSU policy (WAC 504-26-010) states, “Academic dishonesty, such as cheating, plagiarism, fabrication, and fraud, is prohibited.”

SMB supports the Academic Integrity Policy of the University. Websites concerning WSU Academic Integrity are (visit for more information): <http://www.conduct.wsu.edu/default.asp?PageID=343>(Academic Dishonesty) <http://www.wsulibs.wsu.edu/plagiarism/main.html>(Plagiarism)

 I have read the documents from these websites and I understand their content.

Furthermore, I agree to abide by the policies of academic integrity detailed in these documents.

## Plagiarism

Plagiarism is defined as the unauthorized use of the language or thoughts of another person, and the representation of them as one’s own. (Random House Webster’s College Dictionary, 1991)

 I have read and understand this definition.

 I understand that it is my responsibility to learn proper citation conventions (rules) for all my class papers, proposals, dissertation, and any scientific journal articles I may write.

 I understand that inclusion of the words of others in a paper or manuscript without proper citation is plagiarism. I understand that inclusion of extensive sections of text, copied verbatim from a source, is also inappropriate.

 I understand that falsifying sources is also considered cheating and will result in the same consequences as any other form of plagiarism.

 I understand that I may be asked to provide photocopies or originals of any sources I use, including downloads from the Internet, which should include the URL.

 I understand the SMB standard operating procedure for any academic violation. Any plagiarism on my part may result in an “F” in the course, and/or notification of the Dean of the Graduate School. I also understand that it may result in dismissal from the SMB graduate program.

## Summary Statement

 I have read and understand the above contract, as indicated by my initials after each paragraph, and agree to abide by the rules and policies of the School of Molecular Biosciences and the Washington State University.

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