USC Dornsife
Department of Economics

Economics 495—Directed Research

Semester: Fall ☐ Spring ☐ **Year:** _____

Section #: 26170D Units: 4

Student: _____ **ID:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

To be considered for D-clearance, please complete and submit the following information:

- **Supervising Professor**: Include the name and contact information of the faculty member overseeing your research.
- **Research Plan Description**: Provide a brief outline that includes:
  - Estimated number of meetings with your supervising professor
  - Any research activities to be conducted off-campus
  - How you plan to present your findings beyond the required poster session. If you intend to submit a research paper, indicate the expected length.
- **Approval Required**:
  Please email the completed form to **Emma Watson (emmawats@usc.edu)**. She will forward it for approval to the Director of Undergraduate Studies, **Dr. Ladan Masoudie.** Once your approval is processed, you will be notified regarding D-clearance for registration.

Undergraduate Research Poster Session Requirement

At the end of each fall and spring semester, the Department of Economics hosts an event to celebrate undergraduate research. Students enrolled in ECON 495 are required to attend and participate in this event by presenting their work during a poster session. Participation in the poster session is mandatory in order to receive credit for ECON 495.

The in-person research event for **Fall 2026** will take place on **Friday, December 4, 2026**, and for **Spring 2027** on **Friday, April 30, 2027**. Details regarding the event location and poster format will be provided in advance.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you understand and agree to the poster session participation requirement for ECON 495.

Student (signature): _____ **Date:** _____

Faculty Supervisor and Department Chair

"I, the supervising professor, agree to supervise the student's proposed research project as stated in attachment. In my opinion, the student is academically prepared and is intentionally capable of carrying out work that will be educationally beneficial. The project outlined is in conformity with the department's approved guidelines for the directed research course as outlined in the University's Catalog."

Supervising Professor (print): _____

Supervising Professor (Signature): _____ Date**:**_____

Director of Undergraduate Studies: _____ Date**:**_____

NOTE: Each unit of work should represent 45 hours of work during the semester.