



### Early Graduation Agreement

It is possible for Gemstone students to graduate early from the University of Maryland AND satisfy the Gemstone Citation requirements. Gemstone is a four-year program, yet we recognize that talented students can fulfill degree requirements in less than four years. Gemstone works with students and their home college to assure that students get the most of their educational experience as a Gemstone student. If a student plans to graduate early, the student should communicate this to their team, mentor and Gemstone Associate Director. If the student continues at the University of Maryland as a graduate student, the student can add the necessary research seminars to their schedule to acquire the relevant credits. If the student is leaving the University, then the student will not be able to add the relevant credits, but this will be taken into account when auditing the student's records for the Gemstone Citation. In both cases, the student MUST assist the team with writing the thesis AND be physically present at the Team Thesis Conference in the spring.

To receive credit (grade and/or the Gemstone Citation notation) for recognition of significant contributions to the team's research, thesis writing, and thesis editing process, the student must submit an Early Graduation Agreement to the Gemstone Associate Director three weeks prior to early graduation. The student must also agree to meet with the Associate Director once per semester. The mentor will hold the student accountable for this agreement and will confirm with the Associate Director that the student has fulfilled their responsibility outlined in the Agreement.

NAME	UID	COHORT	TEAM	MENTOR

#### Current Contact Information

<b>Address:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
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#### Permanent Contact Information

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### **This section to be completed by the mentor and student**

Please indicate the types of activities the student will have to complete in order to remain an active member of the team. These activities must be specific to how the student can significantly contribute to the team's research as agreed upon. Please indicate what would qualify as a deduction in the grade (if applicable) and what would constitute the student not receiving author recognition on the thesis and ultimately, the Gemstone Citation notation on the student's transcript.

A student who has not fulfilled their expected role will not be awarded the citation and it is therefore the Mentor's responsibility to communicate this to the Gemstone Associate Director as soon as possible.



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**Student Signature (date)**

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**Mentor Signature (date)**

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**Gemstone Associate Director Signature (date)**

Approved:    Yes                      No                      Explanation (if applicable)