Astronomy 496 RI
Research Seminar
Syllabus: Spring 2016

Meets: Thursday @ 4:00-4:50 pm
Astronomy Building – Room 134

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This seminar introduces research projects of faculty in Astronomy and Astrophysics to first-year Astronomy graduate students and upper-level undergraduate students in astronomy, physics, and physical sciences. Students will meet with a different faculty member for one hour each week informally to find out what the faculty member is doing in Astronomical or Astrophysical research. Doing independent study and research projects with a faculty member are important and effective ways for students to learn in a realistic context. They provide good preparation for summer research assistantships and fellowships.

Requirements to pass the course:

**NO MORE than two absences are allowed.**

**A two-page research proposal or report.** (Deadline May 1, Thursday)
A first-year astronomy graduate student needs to write a proposal about the research project he/she wants to pursue using the summer fellowship. The proposal needs to be approved and endorsed by the faculty member who is to supervise the project.

Other students need to write a report on one particular lecture or several lectures.

Please correspond with questions, conflicts, or illness to rsbare@illinois.edu