

RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Please write a proposal detailing your proposed research project. Your proposal will vary depending on the type of project. Summer research stipend projects are not required to culminate in a single finished paper; rather, we encourage you to formulate a plan of study or research that will significantly enrich you intellectually and academically. The proposal must include the following:

1. Introduction
 - Goals of project
 - Description of the project
 - Why is the topic of interest/significance to you (why is your research worthwhile and why should people care about your work?)
 - A plan for your work over the summer with an explanation of how you will consult with your Faculty Sponsor
2. Statement of hypothesis or purpose
 - Plan for the process of your work
 - Initial hypothesis
 - Anticipated results
 - Potential challenges
3. Experimental approach
 - A description of the research methodology or type of investigation
 - Definition of key terms (especially any scientific terms)
 - The idea is to let the readers know what approach you will use to address your investigated interests or test your hypothesis and why
4. Bibliography/list of references

NOTE

- Please limit your proposal to 5 pages (double spaced).
- Students proposing to conduct **research in a science laboratory** must complete the "[Lab Safety Fundamental Concepts](#)" training and include proof of completion with the application packet.
- Students proposing to conduct **research with human subjects** must secure approval or exemption from the appropriate Institutional Review Board (IRB). Please visit the [UCLA Office of the Human Research Protection Program](#) website for more information.

SHORT BIOGRAPHY

A brief typed paragraph describing yourself (your major, your research interests, your future plans, etc.) in 100 words or less, double spaced. Please include as a separate document with your application.