

Format Specifications for the Honors Proposal

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The successful proposal should adhere to the following format and contain the following sections:

1. Specific Aims: student should explain in 200 words or less the goal of the research.
2. Introduction: in ~1.5 pages the student should explain the place of this research within the larger field. References should adhere to the citation style of the journal where the research will be placed.
3. Experimental: in brief detail, the student will describe an overview of the experiments, reactions or methods used to answer the specific aims.
4. Student contribution to the research: in this section, the student will clearly delineate their contribution to the research. This may include originator of the research idea or hypothesis, as experimentalist and data analyzer, or all of the above. When the student has worked as part of a research team, their role should be clearly defined in this section.
5. References: this section should adhere to the format of the journal where the research will be placed. Hardcopies of all references should be available for perusal upon request.
6. The entire proposal length should not exceed six pages.