



Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program

Research Option -- Proposal Content and Requirements

Each student is required to prepare (and have approved by their unit) a proposal outlining the research project being conducted for their research thesis. While a specific format and length is not required, the proposal, at a minimum, should contain the following information:

1) Literature Review

The literature review should show that the student understands the research area, and situate the research to be conducted within that area.

2) Description of Research Problem and its Importance

3) Work Plan & Schedule

Describe the work to be performed. The description should be structured in three layers:

1. Low Target

- At least this much must be completed, or the project will be deemed incomplete, and the research option not granted.

2. Ideal Target

- This is the amount of work the student and advisor believe is feasible in the time available.

3. High Target

- These are more ambitious goals.

Additional sections and information over and above the three items mentioned above will be accepted (and are welcomed). Proposals that do not contain the above three sections will not be approved.

Proposals will normally be completed at the end of the *first term* of research. They *must* be completed before the start of the final term of research. An approved proposal is required for admission to the LCC4700 class "Writing an Undergraduate Thesis"

Research proposals must be approved by a faculty advisor and one other faculty member from the unit.