

Research Proposal Instructions

A. FORMAT - NOT TO EXCEED 5 PAGES (including the references. 12-point font, 1-inch margin.

1. Summary: A description of the project in non-technical terms, not to exceed 300 words.
2. Purpose of the project:
 - a. A statement of the problem.
 - b. Significance of the research or creative work to the academic discipline.
 - c. Objectives of the proposal (specifically what is proposed to be achieved if project is funded.)
 - d. A brief outline of existing work in the field (including appropriate references) and a description of how the proposal is related to previously published work.

3. Research design and methods:

- a. A presentation of procedures in sufficient detail to support the project design.
- b. Method of data collection and procedures proposed for data analysis, if applicable.
- c. Previous experience of the individual related to the proposed project.
- d. A brief description of how the results of the project will be disseminated. For example, is it likely that the results will qualify for acceptance in a refereed journal or be presented at the regional or national meeting, exhibition or presentation?
- e. Plans for extending the investigation beyond the immediate project.

4. Other sources of funding:

List internal or external cost-sharing funds that can be applied to this project, if any. If funds are requested for "seed" money, a discussion of future sources of funds together with a description of how the successful completion of the proposed project will enhance funding probability should be included.

5. Previous faculty grants:

A discussion of results of projects previously funded by PSU or external sources. This discussion should include manuscripts, presentations, or other dissemination of results appropriate to the discipline and external grant applications which resulted from these funds.

6. Detailed budget and justification