

# ESU Summer Undergraduate Research Program Project Proposal

(To be completed by the student and faculty mentor)

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**Please provide a summary of the proposed research project and the outcomes you expect from the work this summer. Please include the following sections:**

**Background and Significance:** Include a review of literature and/or summarize relevant preliminary work to justify a clear "statement of purpose"(e.g., hypothesis, research question, project goal, etc.). Explain the significance of this work.

**Authenticity:** Address the expected outcomes of this work and explain how they are representative of work done by professionals and/or academics and will be recognized as legitimate scholarly work by those familiar with the field of study.

**Methodology:** Provide a clearly written and feasible methodology, addressing potential problems and proposing alternative strategies when appropriate.

**Timeline:** Please include a timeline with your proposal indicating the specific activities that will be conducted and the dates by which you intend to complete/carry out each. These activities should be clearly aligned with the proposed methodology. The committee will give emphasis to those projects in which the student and professor are actively researching jointly in the timeline of the grant.

**Institutional Review Board (IRB):** If you are proposing to conduct research on human subjects, please contact the Institutional Review Board office on campus as soon as possible. IRB approval is required for all projects that involve research on human subjects and prior approval will be considered by the committee.

**Collaboration:** The roles of the mentor and the student are clearly delineated. The proposed project obviously represents a collaborative effort and includes sufficient "face-time" to support the work. It would be helpful to discuss any preliminary collaborative work you have completed.

**Budget:** Include a budget for the proposed work. You may request up to \$1,000 for supplies, equipment and/or travel to conduct research. The budget should include a justification for each item requested. Students will receive \$2,500 in the form of a scholarship provided they enroll in at least one credit hour during the summer term. Mentors will receive summer salary in the amount of \$3,000.

Consult the ESURP evaluation rubric or contact current URSCA members for more specific information or questions about preparing the proposal.

The entire proposal (including budget) must not exceed two pages. Please copy and paste into form fields below or submit as a separate document.



