

Research Proposal Rubric

Proposal Author: _____

Proposal Grader: _____

- 1 – This research proposal ignores the stated standard
- 2 – This research proposal is unsuccessful at meeting the stated standard
- 3 – This research proposal meets the stated standard in an average manner
- 4 – This research proposal meets the stated standard in an above average manner
- 5 – This research proposal meets the stated standard with perfection

TITLE	1	2	3	4	5
1. The title includes the independent and dependent variables.					
2. The title is concise, meaningful, and without errors.					
Comments and Suggestions:					
BY-LINE	1	2	3	4	5
1. The by-line includes the required information without errors. (author's name, institutional address, city, state, zip code)					
Comments and Suggestions:					
LITERATURE REVIEW	1	2	3	4	5
1. The literature review concisely summarizes the current research related to your topic.					
2. The literature review helps the unknowing reader to understand your investigation.					
3. The citations in the literature review follow the format described in the "Research Report Reference Format" handout.					
Comments and Suggestions:					
PROBLEM STATEMENT	1	2	3	4	5
1. The problem statement briefly states why the experiment you are doing is worthwhile.					
2. The problem statement includes a brief summary of the applicable information from the literature review.					
3. The problem statement ends with a question that is the focus of the experiment.					
Comments and Suggestions:					

HYPOTHESIS/PREDICTION	1	2	3	4	5
1. The hypothesis is in the form of a statement that presents the “best guess” answer to the research question.					
2. The hypothesis is consistent with the title of the proposal.					
3. The prediction follows the “If...then...” format.					
4. The prediction describes the specific outcomes you expect to observe and how you will decide if your hypothesis is correct.					
Comments and Suggestions:					
EXPERIMENT SECTION					
MATERIALS LIST	1	2	3	4	5
1. The materials list includes a complete list of the equipment and supplies you will use for the experiment.					
2. The materials list is presented in either alphabetical order or in the sequence the items will be used.					
Comments and Suggestions:					
PROCEDURES/MEASUREMENTS	1	2	3	4	5
1. The procedure describes the exact steps needed to conduct the experiment (numbered and in sequence).					
2. The procedure explains how you are going to measure your results.					
Comments and Suggestions:					
EXPERIMENTAL VARIABLES	1	2	3	4	5
1. The three experimental variables are each correctly identified.					
Comments and Suggestions:					
GENERAL	1	2	3	4	5
1. The proposal is written in accordance with the “Document Format” section of the proposal guidelines.					
2. The language and style of the writing is formal and in passive voice.					
Comments and Suggestions					
TOTAL POINTS					