

The Project Prospectus represents the project plan and will serve as a "contract" for conduct, completion and evaluation of the project. Although a binding agreement, the prospectus may be modified or amended, as required, to accommodate unexpected results, new opportunities or techniques, or other circumstances. The student and the mentor must agree upon changes to the prospectus. In general, the prospectus should contain the following elements, which will also serve as a template and starting point for the final written presentation of the project.

- Title/Approval page
- Background or Introduction - A presentation of the context and rationale for the project focus. This section should be supported by appropriate citations from the primary literature in a style and format customary to the discipline.
- Project Hypothesis (-es) or Objectives - clearly present the focus of the project.
- Methods or Approach - How will you investigate and test the hypothesis or achieve the objectives? (*Should include citations from the literature, as appropriate.*)
- Project Outcome - What are anticipated results or the scholarly product of the project? What will be the format of the public presentation (paper presentation, performance, reading, exhibition, etc.)?
- Bibliography of "References Cited" in a style and format appropriate to the discipline.
- Project Timeline - Provide a reasonable calendar outline of project benchmarks, achievements, and completion.
- Resource Needs - include supplies and materials, equipment, space, logistical support and any other requirements to complete and present the project. Indicate those that will be provided by the mentor or academic unit and those that are not currently available. If financial support is required, provide a detailed budget.

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Title of Project

by

Your name

A PROSPECTUS FOR RESEARCH

Submitted to the Faculty of the
Department of Biological Sciences
in partial fulfillment of the
requirements for the Biology
Undergraduate Thesis Program

Month, year

Approved:

Date:

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