

How To Write a Research Proposal

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Why we write research proposals:

- To obtain funding
- To organize and justify a project

The Structure of a Research Proposal

- Specific aims (usually stated as a test of a hypothesis)
- Background
- Preliminary studies-if applicable
- Methods-general and specific
- Discussion/Pitfalls/Alternatives/Future studies
- References

Total length about 6 pages

- Tell us what you want to do
- Tell us why you want to do it
- Convince us that the have the tools to do it
- Explain the implications of what you expect to find

Research Proposal Dates

- **In-class presentations**
 - **June 3 and June 10** only!
 - There is no lecture from Dr. Rosenbaum on either of these days.
 - Scheduled in the order of your journal club presentations, i.e., if you were in the first ~half then expect to be scheduled on June 3rd.
 - *Let Dr. Martin know ASAP if you (or your group) cannot present on one of these dates!*
- **Written Research Proposal**
 - Email your document to Dr. Martin no later than **Monday June 17th**!
 - Groups will work together and make sure everyone's name is on the document.
- **Everyone works on a Research Proposal regardless of summer research plans.**