



Williams Honors College
The University of Akron
Akron, OH 44325-1803

Honors Research Project Proposal

Congratulations! The inception of your Honors Research Project represents the beginning of your last phase as an undergraduate student at The University of Akron. As a member of the Williams Honors College you have maintained an outstanding academic record that has hopefully prepared you for this independent project. Your Honors Research Project Proposal is an important component of your overall project. In particular it provides a guideline and timetable for the work to be accomplished and ensures that the expectations of the project sponsor and readers are clearly defined. When preparing your written proposal please include the following sections:

1. **Goals and Objectives:** In the initial section of the proposal, describe the specific research questions to be addressed, as well as the goals and objectives of the project. What are the motivations for the work and the benefits if successful? This section should be written at a level that is readily accessible for non-experts in the field of study.
2. **Methodology:** Then, discuss the research methodology including the work to be undertaken. How will the research questions described above be answered? Does this work build significantly on existing research and efforts? Are there limitations to the scope of the project or to the approach? Please include a tentative timeline for the research efforts. This section can be more in-depth than the previous section, but should still be understandable by someone in the field of study.
3. **Outcomes:** Describe the final output of this project, including the written report for the Honors College. If the project is to be performed or presented publicly, what will be the expected event and audience?
4. **Academic Impact:** Finally, please describe how you see your Honors Research Project building on and adding to your undergraduate experience and knowledge. How does this project serve as an enveloping experience for the undergraduate major? What is expected to be applied from the curriculum and learned from the outcomes?

Any references cited can be included in a final section when appropriate. The length of your proposal is expected to be 3–5 pages.

Attach the written proposal to the cover sheet below. Provide copies of the completed proposal (cover sheet and written proposal) to your project sponsor, your readers, and your Honors Advisor for their approval, and finally submit the signed proposal to the Honors College in person or by email to dgannon@uakron.edu. Once your submission has been reviewed by the Honors College, you will receive additional communications regarding your project. Please inform your project Sponsor once your proposal has been accepted by the Honors College.

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Please Print

Name:	Student ID:
Email (@zips.uakron.edu):	
Title of Proposed Project:	
Major:	Graduation (semester/year):

Please include a brief (maximum 200 words) abstract of your project

Please attach your written project proposal to this page

Approval:

Honors Course No.:	No. of Project Credits:						
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