

Proposed Plan of Research

Important questions to ask yourself before starting the essay:

1. What issues in the scientific community are you most passionate about?
2. Do you possess the technical knowledge and skills necessary for conducting this work, or will you have sufficient mentoring and training to complete the study?
3. Is this plan feasible for the allotted time and institutional resources?
4. How will your research contribute to the "big picture" outside the academic context?
5. How can you draft a plan using the specified research proposal format?
6. How does your proposed research address the Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts criteria?