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BNFO 300: [Molecular Biology Through Discovery](http://www.people.vcu.edu/~elhaij/bnfo300/17/) (Spring 2017)  
Progress on Research Proposal

**I. Basic Information**

1. Your name

**II. Progress on Topic**

1. What research ***area*** have you decided on?   
   If you haven't decided, then what candidates have you considered?
2. What research ***questions*** have you considered?   
   (A question is distinguished from an area in that it can be addressed directly by an experiment or tight family of experiments)   
   How are they related to ***molecular biology***, i.e. an exploration of how something works at the molecular level?
3. What ***articles*** have you found that are useful in your search for a research question?   
   (Provide specific references and links if possible)   
   Have you looked at advice on [How To Find Research Articles](http://www.people.vcu.edu/~elhaij/bnfo300/17/Units/Intro-course/how-to-find-research-articles.html)?

**III. Progress on Finding a Mentor**

1. Has a member of the VCU research community agreed to mentor you for the purposes of guiding you through a research proposal?
   1. If so, who? Why her/him?
   2. If not, then who have you considered?   
      Why her/him/them?    
      Have you looked at advice on [How To Find a Mentor](http://www.people.vcu.edu/~elhaij/bnfo300/17/Units/Proposal/How-to-find-a-mentor.html)?
2. What contacts have you made with your mentor or prospective mentor?
   1. If you have sent out an e-mail proposing the mentorship, please paste in the text, if you didn't already copy me on it.
   2. If you have not yet sent out such an e-mail, then provide the text of an e-mail that you're working on.   
      If there are holes in your message that you need to fill, indicate them with brackets, e.g. "[*Got to find an article on mandibular pariphrasis*]"   
      Have you looked at advice on [How To Contact a Prospective Mentor](http://www.people.vcu.edu/~elhaij/bnfo300/17/Units/Proposal/How-to-find-a-mentor.html#how%20contact)?
3. What responses have you gotten? (Paste in the text of a pertinent e-mail, if I wasn't already copied on it)

**IV. Path towards success** (if you haven't yet lined up a mentor)

1. What do you believe you need to do to come up with a research question and mentor in a timely fashion? Why not do it?
2. What can Elaina, Gus, and I do to facilitate your journey?

**V. Any other comments, questions, suggestions, or concerns?**

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