

HW 07 - Research Proposal

Overview

Your research proposal is an important component of your final research project. This assignment is worth twice that a normal homework and comes with a review period. You will spend the next two weeks writing your proposal, using the outline template below to help organize your writing.

You should start this assignment immediately and work on it every day until complete. Reread it and edit for clarity and readability before you turn it in.

Instructions

You will write the assignment directly in a Google document.

- This is a paired project assignment
- Use the sections found in the lecture notes [writing about empirical research] to organize your proposal and to help guide your writing style.
 - Each of these sections must be present in your proposal.
- Write your assignment directly in a Google Document in the **07Research Proposal/Draft** folder.
- Name this file `rq_pairname` i.e. `rq_donatello_gomez.pdf`

Peer Review

Draft

- This assignment will be subject to peer review.
- After the due date, check the [Peer review assignment sheet] for your assignment(s).
- In Google Docs directly, use the commenting feature to provide feedback on this assignment.

Guidance for Reviews

Your responsibility for this review is to ensure that the proposal “makes sense”. Act as if you were assigned to grade their work using the same evaluation criteria that you will be graded on. Your job is to help them get full credit.

You should check for and comment on;

- spelling and grammar
- Overall flow and readability. Was it hard to understand what they were talking about?
- Did they introduce the story sufficiently? Most of you will review a project that is on data different than the one you are working on.
- Does the background they provide help set the stage and lead you from what is known, to what is not known, and thus their research topic?
- Did the variables they choose match their topic (title,background)
- Did they complete all required sections?
- Does this sound like a reasonable project? i.e. Do you think they’ll be able to answer their research question given the data provided?

Final Revision

After the review period you have 2 days to make any necessary revisions.

- Make a copy of your assignment and move it into the **07Research Proposal/Final** folder.
- Review all comments provided. Mark the issues as “resolved” as you address them.
- Do not feel compelled to take every single piece of advice, unless it comes from the instructor or a peer mentor.
- Check your work against the rubric in Blackboard learn to ensure you are meeting the grading criteria.

Examples

Here are links to two example research proposals from prior students, complete with grading comments. Also use the model sections found in the lecture notes as guidance.

- [Example proposal 1](#)
- [Example proposal 2](#)