

**\*\*\*This assignment must be emailed to Julie Padowski by 6pm on the due date!\*\*\***

Proposal abstracts distill the contents of your proposal into a concise short statement that gives the reader a brief overview of your planned research. This is often the very first thing awarding agencies look at and can mean all the difference when they're determining whether or not to send it off for review, so it's important that you clearly provide the required information.

Typically, proposal abstracts summarize the significance (need) of the work, present the hypothesis/questions and major objectives of the project, the methods you plan to utilize to achieve this work, and what you expect the potential impact of your work will be.

PROPOSAL ABSTRACT GUIDELINES (16 pts total):

1. **Length:** Your abstract should be between 200-250 words (2 pts)
2. **Contents:** You will need to include your proposal (13 pts total):
  - **Title-** this can be updated or can be the one you've been using all along (1 pt)
  - **Significance-** summarize why your work is new and important (3 pts)
  - **Research Question-** briefly state your question (2 pts)
  - **Objectives-** explain the steps you'll be taking to answer your question (3 pts)
  - **Methods-** review how you plan to achieve your objectives (2 pts)
  - **Potential Impact-** explain what you hope to find, and why it's important (2 pts)
3. **Format:** Written as a single paragraph in full sentences (e.g., no bullet points) (1pts).

For examples of what typical research proposal abstracts look like, you can browse this website: [https://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/presentations\\_abstracts\\_examples.html](https://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/presentations_abstracts_examples.html) (\*\*Note that the examples on this website are only ~150 words, yours should be 200-250!)