

Graduate Research Proposals in Horticulture

Graduate students working toward a M.S. or Ph.D. in Horticulture are required to complete a research proposal and submit to the GPO an approval form signed and dated by all committee members before presenting their first seminar. A first seminar is typically presented before the end of a student's second term. The research proposal serves as a means of communicating a student's intent to his or her committee, addresses a requirement of HORT 7010 Experimental Methods in Horticulture for a literature review, and provides a framework from which one's thesis or dissertation may be developed. The research proposal should, at a minimum, include an introduction, a review of the literature, justification, potential significance of the work, and intended methods and procedures and data analysis.

Sampling links related to preparing a research proposal:

http://www2.smumn.edu/deptpages/~tcwritingcenter/Forms_of_Writing/ResearchProposal.htm

<http://www.lc.unsw.edu.au/onlib/pdf/thesis.pdf>

<http://www.learnerassociates.net/dissthes/>

<http://www.ag-communicators.org/acepro/Rubric.pdf>

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Research Project Title

Name

Degree

Committee Members' Signatures

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