Your research proposal should be in your own words, but you should receive guidance from your research mentor.

Your proposal should be approximately three to four pages long and should include the following sections clearly identified with underlined headings:

- Abstract
- Title
- Hypothesis
- Background Information
- Significance
- Initial Literature Review
- Preliminary Studies (if relevant)
- Research Methodology - **only** describe the work that you will be doing for the duration of the project

For assistance in writing a research proposal, please see the following resources:

WebGURU: Guide for Undergraduate Research. (2005). Developed by Northeastern University and funded by the The National Science Foundation Division of Undergraduate Education's Educational Materials Development Program and the The Camille & Henry Dreyfus Foundation, Inc. Retrieved November 15, 2011, at: http://www.webguru.neu.edu/undergraduate-research/research-funding/research-proposals

How to Write Grants in the Arts and Humanities. (n.d.). Developed by The University of Colorado at Boulder by the Center for Arts and Humanities. Retrieved November 15, 2011, at: http://www.colorado.edu/ArtsSciences/CHA/external/write.html

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2) If you need assistance with this application, please contact the Center for Research and Learning at toshelto@iupui.edu