

Reviewer Guidelines

Formatting:

<u>General</u>: Font: Arial or Helvetica, size 11; Spacing: single spaced, ½ inch minimum margins <u>Length</u>: Proposal: **One** page maximum (*including title, see below*); Figures & Bibliography should come at the end and combined should be **no more than two pages**.

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<u>Title</u>: Should be descriptive and specific as related to the project, avoiding unnecessary jargon.

Main Text (2 parts, brief summary and main proposal)

Brief Summary: 50 words (approximately)

- An "Elevator Pitch" summary of the project. What is the importance or goal (significance)? What makes the student most excited about this project?
- Project briefly and clearly explained in terms suitable for a non-expert to understand.
- Main Proposal: 500 words (approximately)
- Objective What question or problem does the proposal address? Including only relevant background information to help a non-expert understand why the proposal is of interest or importance. This should **not** be the majority of the submission.
- Description of processes, activities and time table, including key methods, equipment, sources and preliminary data.
- Applicant should consider word length and the level of complexity of writing carefully balancing the need to communicate methods with the tendency for jargon and detail that can lose a reader.
- Results What is the expected outcome of the project? What are they trying to achieve?

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Figures (Data, Schematics, Photos, or Other Essential Graphical Elements)

- Should include *relevant* figures, focusing on their particular work (not a generic schematic copied from the web, for example).
- All graphical elements should be large enough to be readable and should have clear, informative captions. **Bibliography** (list of references/citations) should be included at the end.

Please rank proposals on a 1-5 scale and provide constructive feedback to help the students strengthen future proposals. Feedback is provided to students upon their request.

| HOUR Proposal Ranking Guide | |
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| Score | Descriptor |
| 1 | Poor |
| 2 | Satisfactory |
| 3 | Good |
| 4 | Very Good |
| 5 | Exceptional |