

Research Paper Guidelines

Summer 2019

Draft Due: July 12, 2019

Final Due: July 19, 2019

You are required to write a professional manuscript based on your research. This paper must be at least 10 double-spaced pages, 12-point font with 1 inch margins, and must follow the format of a professional journal in your discipline. Manuscripts submitted to most journals are organized with similar sections (italicized below) to those in the SIUC Research Project Proposal. Typically, headings in a research paper consist of the following:

ABSTRACT- Summary of project and results (up to one page).

INTRODUCTION- Includes: *Statement of the Problem, Background and Context, Hypotheses and/or Research Questions.*

LITERATURE CITED- Includes only those publications cited in your research paper.

MATERIALS AND METHODS- Includes: *Experimental Design and Methods of Data Gathering*

DISCUSSION- Includes: *Comparisons of your results with previous publications and Justification /Importance of the Project Outcomes*

Additional Guidelines on Paper Development:

Each Scholars will organize and write his/her paper in a discipline specific style. Below are instructions for selecting a manuscript format that conforms to your specific discipline:

1. Work with your mentor in identifying a journal that would be appropriate for publishing your results.
2. Visit the Web site of the selected journal and locate the Guidelines for Submission or Instructions for Authors.
3. Hand in a copy of these guidelines on Friday, May 31, 2019.
4. Follow every detail laid out in your guidelines for writing the paper, and pay particular attention to the precise citation style.
5. Annotated Bibliography and Outline of your paper due Friday, June 21, 2019.
6. Literature Review is due Friday, June 28, 2019.
7. The first draft of your paper is due to your GA on Friday, July 5, 2019.
8. Submit your paper to your mentor for evaluation, comments and approval.
9. The second draft of your paper and the Poster are due Friday, July 12, 2019
10. Turn in your final paper on Thursday, July 19, 2019.

The McNair Staff will evaluate research papers for potential inclusion in the McNair Scholars Journal.