

GUIDELINES FOR WRITTEN ABSTRACT

The Abstract is a summary of the entire research project. Your abstract will be copied and used in the Conference Proceedings booklet precisely as you submit it.

The abstract should be no more than one page, typed, single-spaced on 8 1/2 inch by 11 inch paper, using Times New Roman 12-point font. The left margin should be 1.5 inch, and all other margins should be 1.0 inch.

The abstract title should use proper capitalization, not all caps. It should be in bold and be centered at the top of the page. Immediately below that, also centered, but not in bold type, list the researchers, with your name underlined, followed by the department and college for which the research was completed, as in example that follows:

Title of Your Research Project

Your Last Name, First Name; Last Name, First Name; Last Name, First Name; etc.
Research Department, Name of College or University

Write the body of your abstract using the following subheadings:

Problem/background
Hypothesis
Methods
Results
Conclusions

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BACKGROUND/PURPOSE/SIGNIFICANCE

Described related published work, why this topic is important to study (Big Picture), and purpose of students work on the project.

AIMS/OBJECTIVES/HYPOTHESES

Clearly stated the main research questions, aims, or hypotheses of the study.

RESEARCH DESIGN

Described the research design (exploratory, experimental, survey, case study, etc.)

METHODS

Described study methods and student's role in enough detail that difficulty could be determined.

RESULTS

Results were described for each aim or hypothesis. Results were congruent with methods. Appropriate statistics used.

CONCLUSIONS

Conclusions were based on results. Discussed future studies needed.

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