

Summary/Abstract Guidelines

Provide a concise half to full-page abstract of the proposed research project. The information should be informative and provide enough detail of the motivation, approach, anticipated results and conclusions for the authorizing officials in the clearance string to understand and approve the institutional requirements and obligations associated with the project if it were to be funded. The abstract will be attached to the documents section in Cayuse and will be used for internal clearance purposes only. Accordingly, the information provided may be substantially different from the summary required by the sponsor. Budget information and or figures are not applicable.

General Components in an abstract

1. Motivation or Statement of Problem: Why do we care about the problem? What practical, theoretical, scientific, or artistic gap is your research filling?

2. Methods or Approach: How will you conduct the research to obtain your results? Will you be using a specific theoretical framework, technical procedure, or methodology? If your proposal involves research with human subjects, briefly summarize what you will do, e.g., whether you will use existing data, how you will recruit/interact with human subjects. If your proposal involves working with live animals, briefly summarize what kind of experiment you plan to conduct. If your proposal involves collaboration with internal or external researchers, briefly summarize what specific role you will play in such collaboration.

3. Results or Product: As a result of completing the above procedure, investigation or scope of work, what deliverable will be met and what do you expect to learn, create, or invent?

4. Conclusions or Implications: What are the broader implications of your findings, especially as they relate to the Mission of CSULB.