The Research Proposal

English 1160 seeks to promote the spread of good ideas and spirited conversations about topics in a variety of academic disciplines. As ideas, technology, and our understanding of the natural world advance in academic conversations, literature reviews become necessary foundations for further research. English 1160 supports proposals for projects that survey recent developments in academic disciplines and have a clear awareness of the impact of those developments on future projects.

Proposals may focus on new developments, the influence of older theories or technologies on modern issues, or individuals and institutions who are making significant advancements in the field. The study's research question should be answerable using secondary data research and analysis. In the past, successful studies have surveyed such topics as quantum decoherence, small modular reactors, improving thrust in aircraft, cyber security in smart devices, social media activism, and more.

Submission Process

Final drafts will be submitted in Canvas as a PDF.
Check Canvas for the submission deadline.

How to Prepare the Proposal

Your proposal should follow the ENG1160 Proposal Template, and include a cover page that provides:

- Title of the Project
- Name of Primary Researcher
- Primary Researcher's Credentials & Institution-

Your Proposal will be between 1,000 and 1,250 words (approximately) in APA format. It should address the following questions:

- **Problem Statement and Purpose of the Study**: What situation, issue, or concerns in or around your field warrant inquiry? What evidence do you have for the existence of this problem?
- **Connection to the Field**: How are these questions informed by conversations in your field? How have previous researchers attempted to answer these questions? (Include at least 5 sources in this section.)
- **Research Design/Description of the Study**: How will you conduct the study? In this section include the method for data collection and analysis procedures.
- **Statement of Significance**: How does this project contribute to the larger knowledge base? How will it influence your field? How can it benefit other communities and key stakeholders?

You are also required to provide a page of:

- **Selected References:** A "References" page is required. Please provide enough to demonstrate appropriate background knowledge for the project's concept and design - at least 5 sources. *(Note that the reference page is not included in the final word count.)*

The Award

Acceptance of your proposal means that you have won the respect of your instructor and the satisfaction of a job well done.