

FS 521: Natural Resources Research Planning

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Student: _____ **Major Professor:** _____

To the major professor:

You have a student enrolled in FS 521, Natural Resources Research Planning. A key requirement of FS 521 is the completion of a research proposal, which is typically submitted to the student's graduate committee or used as the basis for writing their thesis proposal. I encourage you to work closely with your student as they develop their FS 521 research proposal.

I encourage students to prepare their proposals in a format that is acceptable to their major professors and graduate committees. Because there is no required format for graduate thesis proposals in the department, college, or university, the student and the major professor have the opportunity to tailor the format to meet their needs. In FS 521, we will be using a default format that is typically used for competitive grant programs such as the NRICGP and NSF. This default format contains the following sections:

- I. Title page
- II. Abstract
- III. Table of contents
- IV. Project description
 - A. Introduction
 - 1. Background
 - 2. Hypotheses
 - 3. Goals and objectives
 - 4. Rationale and significance
 - B. Experimental plan
 - 1. Methods
 - 2. Expected results and interpretations
 - 3. Timeline
- V. References
- VI. Budget

A detailed description of each of these sections can be found at the following this web address:
(http://www.cof.orst.edu/cof/teach/fs521/the_research_proposal.pdf)

Major Professor: Please sign below and fill out the appropriate section:

_____ My student may use the default format for her or his proposal.

_____ I would like the following changes to the format my student uses for her or his proposal:
