

RP REQUIREMENTS

Written Document

- Topic cannot be too close to the research in your group.
- Cover page with title, student and advisor names (1 page)
- Student CV/resume (1-2 pages)
- Abstract or summary (1 page)
- Research plan (max of 3000* words, exclusive of figures and schemes)
 - Hypotheses and/or research objectives
 - Background & significance
 - Experimental design & methods
- References (no page limit)

Oral Exam: Student presents in a closed session a 20-25 minute PowerPoint presentation, expecting interruptions for questions. The defense committee should include the mentoring committee** plus other interested faculty.

Timing:

- It is expected that the student will complete the RP by the end of the spring semester in their third year.
- The RP can be defended in the fall, spring, or both, if necessary.
- In the fall, a 1-page summary of the RP is submitted to the advisor and/or RP committee by November 15. The 1-page summary is reviewed and given full approval (with comments) or denied by the advisor and/or RP committee. The student gives the written exam to the RP committee 7 days prior to the scheduled RP oral exam, which must be completed by January 15.
- In the spring, a 1-page summary of the RP is submitted to the advisor and/or RP committee by March 15. 1-page summary is reviewed and given full approval (with comments) or denied by the advisor and/or RP committee. The student gives the written exam to the RP committee 7 days prior to the scheduled RP oral exam, which must be completed by May 15.

*500 words is ~1-page, single-spaced, 11 or 12 pt font **3-member mentoring committee is decided in fall of second year

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Summer
All Paths			RP- 1 page summary	RP (full paper to committee 7 days before oral)				RP- 1 page summary	RP (full paper to committee 7 days before oral)	