

Applied Economics Independent Research Project Guidelines

Proposal Format (2 - 3 pages)

a. Hypothesis to be tested

Briefly explain the hypothesis to be tested

b. Previous Work

Briefly sketch and cite the most important previous works on this subject.

c. Research Design and Methods

Describe the research design and the procedures to be used to accomplish the specific aims of the project. Specify precisely what data will be used. Describe any new methodology and its advantage over existing studies.

d. Conclusions expected

Briefly summarize the conclusions expected from the project.

e. References

Bibliography of all works cited.

Final Paper Format (15-20 pages):

Title page	Required
Abstract	Required
Table of contents	Required
List of charts, graphs, illustrations	Required
Main body of the paper (including introduction, materials & methods, results, discussion, graphs, photos, figures, and tables)	Required
References	Required
Appendices	If applicable

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Independent Research Agreement**

Semester:

Name of topic:

Name of instructor:

Name of student:

How often will the student and professor meet?

Attach proposal as part of this agreement. Signatures mean that the student has written the proposal; that the instructor will mentor the proposal; and the APC approves the proposal.

The instructor should contact the Associate Program Chair to settle the financial arrangements when the research paper has been approved by him and the APC.

Signatures:

Student _____

Instructor _____

APC _____